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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
36th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

[MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS]

EVIDENCE

Standing Committee
on

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chairman: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 1

Monday, September 29, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Standing Order 106 – Election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs

Standing Order 104 – Striking Committee

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1997

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 3:20 p.m., this day, in Room 237-C (Centre Block) for the purpose of organization.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Bill Blaikie, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Norman Doyle, Ken Epp, Mac Harb, Bob Kilger, Rey Pagtakhan, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson, Chuck Strahl and Randy White.

Acting Member present: Wayne Easter for George Baker.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

STANDING ORDER 106 – Election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Chair of the Committee.

Bob Kilger, seconded by Marlene Catterall, moved - That, Peter Adams do take the Chair of this Committee.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

Accordingly, Peter Adams took the Chair.

On motion of Randy White, seconded by Bill Blaikie, it was agreed, - That, Chuck Strahl be elected as Vice-Chair of this Committee.

On motion of Mac Harb, it was agreed, - That, Marlene Catterall be elected Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Mac Harb, it was agreed, - That, a Sub-Committee on agenda and procedure, consisting of two members from the Liberal Party (one of whom is the Chair of the Committee), and one representative from the Reform Party, the Bloc québécois, the New Democratic Party and the Progressive Conservative Party (to be appointed by their respective Whip) be established.

On motion of Bob Kilger, it was agreed, - That, the five Whips be delegated the authority to act as the Striking Committee pursuant to Standing Orders 104, 113 and 114 and, provided that the recommendations are unanimous and a copy of the report is signed by all five Whips, or their representatives, they present their recommendations directly to the Chair of the Committee for presentation to the House on behalf of the Committee.

After debate, on motion of Bob Kilger, it was agreed, - That, a Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business be struck, composed of Yvon Charbonneau, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Carolyn Parrish, Ken Epp and one representative from the New Democratic Party and the Progressive Conservative Party (to be appointed by their respective whips); and

that, Yvon Charbonneau be appointed Chair of the Sub-Committee; and

that, the Sub-Committee be charged with carrying out the responsibilities of the Committee under Standing Order 108(3)(a) insofar as Private Members' Business and the business related to Private Bills is concerned; and

that, the Sub-Committee be granted the same powers as the Committee has and enjoys pursuant to Standing Order 108(1) except the power to report directly to the House.

After debate, on motion of Rey Pagtakhan it was agreed, - That, the Chair be authorized to hold meetings in order to receive and authorize the printing of evidence even when a quorum is not present.

After debate, on motion of Mac Harb, it was agreed, - That, at the discretion of the Chair, reasonable travelling expenses, as per the regulation established by the Board of Internal Economy, be paid if necessary to witnesses invited to appear before the Committee, and that for such payment of expenses a limit of one (1) representative per organization be established unless otherwise ordered by the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure.

On motion of Mac Harb, it was agreed, - That, the Committee retain the services of one or more Research Officers from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

STANDING ORDER 104 – Striking Committee

Pursuant to Standing Order 104, the Committee proceeded to the consideration of a Draft Report on the membership of Standing and Standing Joint Committees.

After debate, it was agreed, - That, the lists submitted, this day, by the Whips of the Liberal Party, the Reform Party, the Bloc québécois, the New Democratic Party and the list of Progressive conservative party to be provided, on the membership of Standing and Standing Joint Committees, be adopted, as amended, as the Committee's First Report to the House;

- that, the Clerk of the Committee be instructed to obtain the list of members of the Progressive-Conservative Party;

-that, the Chairman be instructed to present the report to the House.

Committee's mandate – Future business

By unanimous consent, the Committee proceeded to the consideration of items of future business.

At 4:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière
Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, October 21, 1997

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Committee's mandate pursuant to Standing Orders 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv) in relation to Private Members' Business

Consideration of a Draft Report from the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business on votable items



MINUTES OF PROCEEDING
Meeting No. 2

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1997

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:03 a.m., this day, in Room 340-S (Centre Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Ken Epp, Mac Harb, Bob Kilger, Rey Pagtakhan, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson, Chuck Strahl, John Solomon and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer. From the House of Commons Private Members' Business Office: Diane Diotte, Clerk, Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business

Standing Orders 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv) – Private Members' Business

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of its business pursuant to Standing Orders 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv) in relation to Private Members' Business.

The Chair of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business (Yvon Charbonneau) presented a report from the Sub-Committee recommending the selection of certain items as votable items pursuant to Standing Order 92(1).

After debate, on motion of Yvon Charbonneau, it was agreed, - That, the Report from the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business be adopted as the Committee's Fourth Report to the House and that the Chairman present the report to the House.

Committee's mandate – Future business

By unanimous consent, the Committee proceeded to the consideration of items of future business.

At 11:30 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière
Clerk of the Committee

Striking Committee

Wednesday, October 8, 1997

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee, and according to an Order adopted on Monday, September 29, 1997, the *Second Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

Friday, October 10, 1997

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee, and according to an Order adopted on Monday, September 29, 1997, the *Third Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

Marie Carrière

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, October 28, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Committee's mandate pursuant to Standing Orders 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv) in relation to Private Members' Business

MINUTES OF PROCEEDING
Meeting No. 3

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1997

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:09 a.m., this day, in Room 340-S (Centre Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, George Baker, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Norman Doyle, Ken Epp, Mac Harb, Bob Kilger, Rey Pagtakhan, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson, Chuck Strahl, John Solomon and Randy White.

Acting Member present: Bob Speller for Marlene Catterall.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Standing Orders 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv) – Private Members' Business

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of its business pursuant to Standing Orders 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv) in relation to Private Members' Business.

After debate, on motion of Carolyn Parrish, it was agreed, - That, the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business be instructed to review the First Report of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business tabled before the Committee during the 35th Legislature in regards to procedural changes to Private Members' Business; and,

-that the Sub-committee report to the Committee no later than the first Committee meeting in December 1997.

Committee's mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii) – procedure and practice of the House

After debate, on motion of Stéphane Bergeron, it was agreed, - That, pursuant to the Committee's mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii) in relation to the Standing Orders, procedure and practice in the House, a Sub-Committee be struck to review and report on the sitting schedule of the House of Commons, to develop recommendations for consideration by the Committee;

-that, the Sub-Committee be composed of six members (2 Liberals – including the Chair and 1 from each opposition party) to be appointed by the whips of their respective party;

-that, Bob Kilger be appointed Chair of the Sub-Committee;

-that, the Sub-Committee be granted the same powers as the Committee has and enjoys pursuant to Standing Order 108(1)(a) except the power to report directly to the House; and

-that, the Sub-Committee report to the Committee no later than the first meeting of the Committee in December 1997.

Committee's mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(i) – services and facilities for Members

After debate, on motion of Chuck Strahl, it was agreed, - That, a Sub-Committee on Members' Services be struck, composed of six members (2 from the Reform Party – including the Chair and one from each recognized party) to be appointed by their respective whip;

-that, Randy White be appointed Chair of the Sub-Committee;

-that, the Sub-Committee be charged with carrying out the responsibilities of the Committee under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(i) in relation to the provision of services and facilities to Members;

-that, the Sub-Committee be granted the same powers as the Committee has and enjoys pursuant to Standing Order 108(1)(a) except the power to report directly to the House.

Committee's mandate under Standing Order 115(4) - priority use of rooms

The Committee considered a request from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities for priority use of Room 237-C and the matter was referred to the Whips as part of their consideration of the Room Assignment System.

At 12: 28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière
Clerk of the Committee

Striking Committee

Friday, October 24, 1997

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee, and according to an Order adopted on Monday, September 29, 1997, the *Fifth Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

Marie Carrière
Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, November 4, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Supplementary Estimates (A) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1998

APPEARING:

The Honorable Gilbert Parent, Speaker, House of Commons

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Major-General Gus Cloutier, Sergeant-at-Arms;

Mary Anne Griffith, Deputy Clerk, Administrative Services;

Robert Marleau, Clerk.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1997

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:05 a.m., this day, in Room 340-S (Centre Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, George Baker, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Norman Doyle, Ken Epp, Mac Harb, Bob Kilger, Rey Pagtakhan, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson, Chuck Strahl, John Solomon and Randy White.

Acting Member present: René Laurin for Stéphane Bergeron.

Associate Member present: Bill Blaikie.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Appearing: The Honorable Gilbert Parent, Speaker, House of Commons.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: Major General G. Cloutier, Sergeant-at-Arms; Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House; Mary Anne Griffith, Deputy Clerk of the House.

Supplementary Estimates (A) for the fiscal year ending March 31 1998

The Order of Reference from the House of Commons dated Thursday, October 23, 1997, in relation to the Supplementary Estimates (A) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1998 being read as follows:

That, Vote 5a under PARLIAMENT be referred to the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs.

The Chair called Vote 5a under PARLIAMENT.

The Speaker made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Vote 5a carried.

ORDERED,- That, the Chair report Vote 5a under PARLIAMENT to the House.

At 12:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière
Clerk of the Committee

Striking Committee

Wednesday, October 29, 1997

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee, and according to an Order adopted on Monday, September 29, 1997,

the *Sixth Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

Marie Carrière
Clerk of the Committee

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PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chairman: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 5

Thursday, November 6, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration on proposed electronic voting system

APPEARING:

The Honorable Don Boudria, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons

WITNESS:

House of Commons:

Randy White, M.P., House Leader for the Official Opposition.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1997

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:07 a.m., this day, in Room 340-S (Centre Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Ken Epp, Mac Harb, Bob Kilger, Rey Pagtakhan, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson, Chuck Strahl and Randy White.

Acting Member present: André Harvey for Norman Doyle.

Associate Member present: Michelle Dockrill.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Appearing: The Honorable Don Boudria, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons.

Witness: From the House of Commons: Randy White, M.P., House Leader for the Official Opposition.

Committee's mandate under S.O. 108(3)(a)(iii) – taking of divisions by electronic means

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee proceeded to the consideration on proposed electronic voting system.

The Honorable Don Boudria, P.C., M.P., and Randy White, M.P. each made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 12:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière
Clerk of the Committee

Striking Committee

Wednesday, November 5, 1997

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee, and according to an Order adopted on Monday, September 29, 1997,

the *Seventh Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

Thursday, November 6, 1997

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee, and according to an Order adopted on Monday, September 29, 1997, the *Ninth Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

Friday, November 7, 1997

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee, and according to an Order adopted on Monday, September 29, 1997, the *Tenth Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

Monday, November 17 1997

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee, and according to an Order adopted on Monday, September 29, 1997, the *Eleventh Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

Marie Carrière
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1997

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:11 a.m., this day, in Room 269 (West Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, George Baker, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Norman Doyle, Ken Epp, Mac Harb, Bob Kilger, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson.

Associate Member present: André Harvey.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada: Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer; Jacques Girard, Director, Legal Services; Janice Vezina, Director, Election Financing; Diane Bruyère, Director, Operations.

Committee's mandate under S.O. 108(3)(a)(vi) – election of Members to the House of Commons

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iv), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 36th General Election referred to the Committee on September 24, 1997 pursuant to Standing Order 32(5). (*Sessional Paper No. 8560-361-4*)

Jean-Pierre Kingsley made an opening statement and with the other witnesses answered questions.

Committee's mandate under S.O. 115(4) – Priority use of Committee rooms

On motion of Bob Kilger, it was agreed, - That, in accordance with the Committee's mandate under Standing Order 115(4) and to the Room Allocation System for all Committees, the slot for the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage be re-assigned from Group 1 to Group 2.

At 12:41 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière
Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, November 25, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeds to the consideration of the First Report of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business pursuant to its Order of Reference from the Committee on the Sub-Committee's First Report tabled in the 35th Parliament 2nd Session.

WITNESSES:

National Party of South Africa:

Petrua Matthee, Chairperson, Private Members' Legislative Proposals and Petitions;
Member of Parliament.



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Meeting No. 7

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1997

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:08 a.m., this day, in Room 340-S (Centre Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Ken Epp, Mac Harb, Bob Kilger, Rey Pagtakhan, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson, John Solomon, Chuck Strahl and Randy White.

Acting Members present: André Harvey for Norman Doyle; John McKay for Mac Harb.

In attendance:.. From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Committee's mandate under S.Os 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv) –Private Members' Business

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Orders 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of the First Report of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business pursuant to its Order of Reference from the Committee on the Sub-Committee's First Report tabled in the 35th Parliament, 2nd Session. (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday, October 28 1997 and the Evidence, meeting no. 3*)

The Chair of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business, Yvon Charbonneau, presented the First Report of the Sub-Committee.

After debate, on motion of Yvon Charbonneau, it was agreed, on division, - That, the First Report of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business on its Order of Reference of October 28, 1997 in relation to the First Report of the said Sub-Committee tabled during the 35th Legislature (2nd Session) be adopted as amended;

- that, the Chair, in cooperation with the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report; and

- that, the Chair present the Report to the House.

Ken Epp moved, - That, the Committee authorize the printing of a dissenting opinion from the Reform Party as an appendix to its report; and

- that the dissenting opinion be printed after the Chairman's signature.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was, by a show of hands, negatived: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 4.

At 1:13 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière
Clerk of the Committee

Striking Committee

Monday, November 24, 1997

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee, and according to an Order adopted on Monday, September 29, 1997, the *Twelfth Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

Marie Carrière
Clerk of the Committee

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PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chairman: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 8

Thursday, November 27, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee resumes consideration of issues and options for the taking of divisions, in the House, by electronic means

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Louis Bard, Chief Information Officer and Executive Director, Information Systems;

Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House.



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Meeting No. 8

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1997

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:16 a.m., this day, in Room 209 (West Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Ken Epp, Mac Harb, Bob Kilger, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson, John Solomon, Chuck Strahl and Randy White.

Acting Members present: Joe Fontana and Eugène Bellemare for George Baker; Denis Coderre for Yvon Charbonneau and John Finlay for Rey Pagtakhan.

Other Members present: Bill Blaikie and André Harvey.

In attendance: *From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: *From the House of Commons:* Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House; Louis Bard, Chief Information Officer and Executive Director, Information Systems.

Committee's mandate under S.O 108(3)(a)(iii) – taking of divisions by electronic means

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed consideration of issues and options for the taking of divisions, in the House, by electronic means. (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, November 6, 1997, and the Evidence, meeting no. 5*)

The witnesses made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 12:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière
Clerk of the Committee

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PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chairman: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, December 2, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee resumes consideration of issues and options for the taking of divisions, in the House, by electronic means

WITNESS:

House of Commons:

Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House.

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Meeting No. 9

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1997

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:14 a.m., this day, in Room 371 (West Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Norman Doyle, Ken Epp, Bob Kilger, Rey Pagtakhan, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson, John Solomon, Chuck Strahl and Randy White.

Acting Member present: Joe Fontana for George Baker.

Associate Member present: André Harvey

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer. From the House of Commons: Camille Montpetit, Clerk Assistant.

Witness: From the House of Commons: Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House.

Committee's mandate under S.O. 108(3)(a)(vi) – election of Members to the House of Commons

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada on the 36th General Election, pursuant to the Canada Elections Act, R.S.C., c. E-2, subsection 195(1), referred to the Committee pursuant to S.O. 32(5). (*See Minutes of Proceedings and the Evidence for Thursday, November 20, 1997, meeting no. 6*).

The Committee discussed items of business.

Committee's mandate under S.O. 108(3)(a)(iii) – review of Standing Orders

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of proposed rules for Joint Committees.

Committee's mandate under S.O. 108(3)(a)(iii) – taking of divisions by electronic means

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed consideration of issues and options for the taking of divisions, in the House, by electronic means. (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, November 6, 1997, and Thursday, November 27, 1997, and the Evidence, meetings nos. 5 and 8*)

The witness answered questions.

At 12:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière
Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 10

Thursday, December 10, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee commenced consideration of its review of the Standing Orders.

WITNESS:

House of Commons:

Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House of Commons.



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Meeting No. 10

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1997

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:21 a.m., this day, in Room 237-C (Centre Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, George Baker, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Ken Epp, Mac Harb, Bob Kilger, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson, John Solomon, Chuck Strahl and Randy White.

Acting Member present: René Laurin for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral.

Associate Member present: Bill Blaikie

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer. From the House of Commons: Camille Montpetit, Clerk Assistant.

Witness: From the House of Commons: Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House.

Committee's mandate under S.O. 108(3)(a)(iii) – review of the Standing Orders

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee commenced consideration of its review of the Standing Orders.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of a proposed amendment to the Standing Orders in relation to the application of results of one vote to subsequent votes, which reads as follows:

45(9)(a) If, pursuant to any Standing or Special Order of the House, two or more recorded divisions are to be held successively without intervening debate, following the announcement of the results of a recorded division, the Chief Government Whip may indicate that there is agreement among the representatives of the recognized parties to apply the votes of Members on a specific division to subsequent divisions to be taken at that time. In the case of an item of Private Members' Business, the agreement of the Member sponsoring that item shall also be required in order for votes of Members on a specific division to be applied to the recorded division on that item.

(b) When the Speaker puts the question for each subsequent division, the whip of each recognized party, or the Chief Government Whip, with the agreement of and on behalf of the whips of the recognized parties and of any other Member who so desires, may indicate how the votes shall be recorded, provided that any other Member and any Member of a recognized party not wishing to vote as indicated by a whip may then rise and indicate to the Speaker how his or her vote is to be recorded.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of its future business on its review of Standing Orders.

At 12:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière
Clerk of the Committee

Striking Committee

Thursday, December 4, 1997

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee and in accordance with an Order adopted on Monday, September 29, 1997, the *Fourteenth Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

Marie Carrière
Clerk of the Committee

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PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chairman: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 11

Tuesday, December 9, 1997

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of questions surrounding Regulations on the Canada Elections Act



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1997

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:10 a.m., this day, in Room 237-C (Centre Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Yvon Charbonneau, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Ken Epp, Mac Harb, Bob Kilger, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson, Chuck Strahl and Randy White.

Associate Member present: André Harvey.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer. From the House of Commons Private Members Business Office: Diane Diotte, Clerk, Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business.

Committee's mandate under S.O. 108(3)(a)(vi) – election of Members to the House of Commons

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of questions surrounding Regulations on the Canada Elections Act.

Committee's mandate under S.O.'s. 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv) – Private Members' Business (votable items)

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of its business pursuant to Standing Orders 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv) in relation to Private Members' Business.

The Chair of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business (Yvon Charbonneau) presented a report from the Sub-Committee recommending the selection of certain items as votable items pursuant to Standing Order 92(1).

On motion of Yvon Charbonneau, it was agreed, - That, the Report from the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business be adopted as the Committee's Sixteenth Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

Committee's mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii) – rules for joint committees

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of proposed rules for the conduct of joint committees.

At 12:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière

Clerk of the Committee

Striking Committee

Monday, December 8, 1997

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee and in accordance with an Order adopted on Monday, September 29, 1997, the *Fifteenth Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

Wednesday, December 10, 1997

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee and in accordance with an Order adopted on Monday, September 29, 1997, the *Seventeenth Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

Marie Carrière

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 12

Thursday, February 12, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee resumed consideration of proposed rules for the conduct of joint committees.

WITNESS:

House of Commons:

Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House of Commons.



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Meeting No. 12

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:21 a.m., this day, in Room 112-N (Centre Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Ken Epp, Mac Harb, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, Rey Pagtakhan, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson and John Solomon.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer. From the House of Commons: Camille Montpetit, Clerk Assistant (Procedural Services).

Witness: From the House of Commons: Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House.

Committee's mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii) – rules for joint committees

The Committee resumed consideration of proposed rules for the conduct of joint committees. (See Minutes of Proceedings and the Evidence for Tuesday, December 9, 1997, meeting no. 11.)

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of draft amendments to the Standing Orders on joint committees.

The witness made an opening statement and answered questions.

On proposed Standing Order A4.(1)

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After debate, on motion of Stéphane Bergeron, it was agreed, - That, proposed Standing Order A4.(1) which reads as follows:

"A4. (1) Standing Joint Committees shall be severally empowered to examine and enquire into all such matters as may be referred to them, to report from time to time and to print an appendix to any report, after the signatures of the Chairmen, containing such opinions or recommendations, dissenting from the report or supplementary to it, as may be proposed by the committee members, provided that, in the opinion of the Joint Chairmen, it is both brief and relevant to the report, and, except when either House otherwise orders, to send for persons, papers and records, to sit while either House is sitting, to sit during periods when either House stand adjourned, to sit jointly with other committees if the House and the Senate, to print from day to day such papers and evidence as may be ordered by them, and to delegate to sub-committees all or any of their powers except the powers to report directly to the Senate and House of Commons."

be amended by deleting, after the words "by the committee members", the following:

", provided that, in the opinion of the Joint Chairmen, it is both brief and relevant to the report,".

On motion of Marlene Catterall, it was agreed, - That, the proposed Standing Orders be amended by replacing, throughout the text, in the English version, the words "Chairman, Chairmen, vice-chairmen" by "Chairs" and "vice-chairs"; and, in the French version, replacing, where possible, the words "président" and "vice-président" by "présidence" and "vice-présidence".

After debate, on motion of Mac Harb, it was agreed,- That, the draft report, as amended, on proposed Standing Orders for Joint Committees, be adopted as the Committee's Twenty-Second Report to the House and that the Chair present the report to the House.

Committee's business

On motion of Marlene Catterall, it was agreed, - That, the Chair be authorized to pay for a reception

in honour of a delegation of parliamentarians from the United Kingdom to be held on Monday, February 23, 1998, in accordance with the hospitality policy of the House of Commons, from the Committee's approved budget for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1998.

At 12:46 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Striking Committee

Tuesday, February 3, 1998

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee and in accordance with an Order adopted on Monday, September 29, 1997, the *Eighteenth Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

Wednesday, February 4, 1998

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee and in accordance with an Order adopted on Monday, September 29, 1997, the *Nineteenth Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

Friday, February 6, 1998

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee and in accordance with an Order adopted on Monday, September 29, 1997, the *Twentieth Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

Monday, February 9, 1998

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee and in accordance with an Order adopted on Monday, September 29, 1997, the *Twenty-First Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

Marie Carrière

Clerk of the Striking Committee

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Chairman: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 13

Thursday, February 19, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee resumed consideration of issues and options for the taking of divisions in the House by electronic means

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Louis Bard, Chief, Information Officer and Executive Director, Information Systems;

Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House of Commons.

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Meeting No. 13

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:08 a.m., this day, in Room 112-N (Centre Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Yvon Charbonneau, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Ken Epp, Mac Harb, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, Rey Pagtakhan, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson, John Solomon, Chuck Strahl and Randy White.

Acting Member present: Joe Fontana for George Baker.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer

Witness: From the House of Commons: Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House; Louis Bard, Chief, Information Officer and Executive Director, Information Systems.

Committee's mandate under S.O 108(3)(a)(iii) – taking of divisions by electronic means

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed consideration of issues and options for the taking of divisions, in the House, by electronic means. (See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, November 6, 1997, Thursday, November 27, 1997 and Tuesday, December 2, 1997, and the Evidence, meetings nos. 5, 8 and 9)

Robert Marleau made an opening statement and with the other witness answered questions.

After debate, it was agreed, - That, the Committee's consideration of the taking divisions by electronic means be postponed for a year and that, further consideration be to the call of the Chair.

At 12:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 14

Thursday, February 26, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 36th General Election referred to the Committee on September 24, 1997 pursuant to Standing Order 32(5)

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Lorne Nystrom, M.P. (Qu'Appelle, NDP);

Dick Proctor, M.P. (Palliser, NDP);

George Proud, M.P. (Hillsborough Lib.);

Suzanne Tremblay M.P. (Rimouski-Mitis, BQ).



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Meeting No. 14

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:10 a.m., this day, in Room 112-N (Centre Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Ken Epp, Mac Harb, Bob Kilger, Rey Pagtakhan, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson, John Solomon and Chuck Strahl

Other Member present: John Herron.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer. From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer: Jacques Girard, Director, Legal Services.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: Dick Proctor, M.P. (Palliser); Lorne Nystrom, M.P. (Qu'Appelle); Suzanne Tremblay, M.P. (Rimouski-Mitis) and George Proud, M.P. (Hillsborough).

Committee's mandate under S.O. 108(3)(a)(vi) – election of Members to the House of Commons and the Chief Electoral Officer's Report on the 36th General Election

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 36th General Election referred to the Committee on September 24, 1997 pursuant to Standing Order 32(5). (*Sessional Paper No. 8560-361-4*) and to questions on electoral matters. (*See Minutes of Proceedings and the Evidence for Thursday, November 20, 1997, meeting no. 6 and Tuesday, December 2, 1997, meeting no. 9*)

The witnesses made an opening statement and answered questions.

Committee's mandate under S.O.'s 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv) – Private Members' Business

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On motion of Bob Kilger , it was agreed, - That, Carolyn Parrish be appointed Chair of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business in replacement of Yvon Charbonneau.

At 12:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 15

Wednesday, March 11, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 36th General Election referred to the Committee on September 24, 1997 pursuant to Standing Order 32(5)

WITNESSES:

Bloc québécois:

Paul Crête, M.P.

Liberal Party of Canada:

Terrence Mercer, National Director;

Jack Siegel, Member, National Executive.

New Democratic Party of Canada:

Peter Julian, Assistant Federal Secretary.

Progressive Conservative Party of Canada:

Paul Lepsoe, Legal Counsel;

Ross Reid, National Director.

Reform Party of Canada:

Debrora Grey, M.P., Deputy Parliamentary Leader and Caucus Chair;

Troy Tail, National Policy and Public Information Manager.

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Meeting No. 15

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 7:13 p.m., this day, in Room 237-C (Centre Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Ken Epp, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson, John Solomon and Chuck Strahl.

Other Member present: John Harvard

In attendance: *From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Research Officer. *From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:* Jacques Girard, Director, Legal Services. *From the Bloc Québécois:* Luc Morin, Research Officer.

Witnesses: *From the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada:* Ross Reid, National Director; Paul Lepsoe, Legal Counsel. *From the New Democratic Party:* Peter Julian, Assistant Federal Secretary. *From the Bloc Québécois:* Paul Crête, M.P. *From the Liberal Party of Canada:* Terrence Mercer, National Director; Jack Siegel, Member of the National Executive. *From the Reform Party of Canada:* Deborah Grey, M.P., Deputy Parliamentary Leader and Caucus Chairman; Troy Tait, National Policy and Public Information Manager

Committee's mandate under S.O. 108(3)(a)(vi) – election of Members to the House of Commons and the Chief Electoral Officer's Report on the 36th General Election

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 36th General Election referred to the Committee on September 24, 1997 pursuant to Standing Order 32(5). (*Sessional Paper No. 8560-361-4*) and to questions on electoral matters. (*See Minutes of Proceedings and the Evidence for Thursday, November 20, 1997, meeting no. 6, Tuesday, December 2, 1997, meeting no. 9 and Thursday, March 5, 1998, meeting no. 14*)

Ross Reid from the Progressive-Conservative Party, Peter Julian from the New Democratic Party, Paul Crête from the Bloc Québécois, Terrence Mercer from the Liberal Party, Deborah Grey and Troy Tait from the Reform Party, made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 9:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière

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Chairman: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 16

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ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 36th General Election referred to the Committee on September 24, 1997 pursuant to Standing Order 32(5).

WITNESSES:

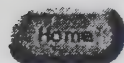
House of Commons:

Jean-Guy Chrétien, M.P. (Frontenac-Mégantic).

Peter Milliken, M.P. (Kingston and the Islands);

Elections Canada:

Jacques Girard, Director, Legal Services.



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Meeting No. 16

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:09 a.m., this day, in Room 112-N (Centre Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Yvon Charbonneau, Ken Epp, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, Carolyn Parrish and John Richardson.

Acting Member present: Ted White for Chuck Strahl.

Other Member present: Bonnie Brown

In attendance: *From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Research Officer. *From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:* Jacques Girard, Director, Legal Services.

Witnesses: *From the House of Commons:* Peter Milliken, M.P. (Kingston and the Islands), Deputy Speaker; Jean-Guy Chrétien, M.P. (Frontenac-Mégantic)

Committee's mandate under S.O. 108(3)(a)(vi) – election of Members to the House of Commons and the Chief Electoral Officer's Report on the 36th General Election

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 36th General Election referred to the Committee on September 24, 1997 pursuant to Standing Order 32(5). (*Sessional Paper No. 8560-361-4*) and to questions on electoral matters. (*See Minutes of Proceedings and the Evidence for Thursday, November 20, 1997, meeting no. 6, Tuesday, December 2, 1997, meeting no. 9, Thursday, March 5, 1998, meeting no. 14 and Wednesday, March 11, 1998, meeting no. 15*)

Peter Milliken, M.P., made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 12:04 p.m., Jean-Guy Chrétien, M.P., made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 12:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, March 17 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 36th General Election referred to the Committee on September 24, 1997 pursuant to Standing Order 32(5).

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

John Harvard, M.P. (*Charleswood-Assiniboine, Lib.*);

Yves Rocheleau, M.P. (*Trois-Rivières, B.Q.*).

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Meeting No. 17

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:07 a.m., this day, in Room 112-N (Centre Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, André Harvey, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson, John Solomon and Chuck Strahl.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Mollie Dunsmuir, Research Officer. From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer: Jacques Girard, Director, Legal Services.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: John Harvard, M.P. (*Charleswood-Assiniboine*); Yves Rocheleau, M.P. (*Trois-Rivières*).

Committee's mandate under S.O. 108(3)(a)(vi) – election of Members to the House of Commons and the Chief Electoral Officer's Report on the 36th General Election

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 36th General Election referred to the Committee on September 24, 1997 pursuant to Standing Order 32(5). (*Sessional Paper No. 8560-361-4*) and to questions on electoral matters. (*See Minutes of Proceedings and the Evidence for Thursday, November 20, 1997, meeting no. 6, Tuesday, December 2, 1997, meeting no. 9, Thursday, March 5, 1998, meeting no. 14, Wednesday, March 11, 1998, meeting no. 15 and Thursday, March 12, 1998, meeting no. 16*)

The witnesses made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 12:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière

Clerk of the Committee

Striking Committee

Tuesday, March 17, 1998

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee and in accordance with an Order adopted on Monday, September 29, 1997, the *Twenty-Third Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

Marie Carrière

Clerk of the Committee

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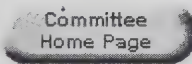
ORDER OF THE DAY:

Integrity of the House of Commons and the Speaker

WITNESS:

House of Commons:

J.P. Joseph Maingot, Q.C., Former Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel and Author of
Parliamentary Privilege in Canada.

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Meeting No. 18

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:11 a.m., this day, in Room 112-N (Centre Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Ken Epp, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, Rey Pagtakhan, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson and Chuck Strahl.

Acting Members present: Eugène Bellemare for George Baker; Michel Bellehumeur for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral and Benoît Serré for Mac Harb.

Associate Member present: William Blaikie

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witness: J.P. Joseph Maingot, Former Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel of the House of Commons and author of "Parliamentary Privilege in Canada".

Order of Reference from the House of Commons – integrity of the House of Commons and the Speaker

The Order of Reference from the House of Commons dated Tuesday, March 10, 1998, being read as follows:

ORDERED, - That, certain statements attributed to Members of the House of Commons, appearing on page 7 of the March 8, 1998, Ottawa Sun, which may bring into question the integrity of the House of Commons and its servant the Speaker, be referred immediately to the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs.

After debate, Chuck Strahl moved, - That, the Committee proceed to hear the witness.

And the question being put on the motion, it was, by a show of hands, agreed to: YEAS: 8; NAYS: 1.

The witness made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 12:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 19

Thursday, March 26, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Order of Reference from the House of Commons - integrity of the House of Commons and the Speaker

WITNESSES:

Liberal Party of Canada:

Dan McTeague, M.P.;

Benoît Serré, M.P.

Reform Party of Canada:

Ken Epp, M.P., Critic for Intergovernmental Affairs, Deputy Opposition House Leader;

Peter Goldring, M.P., Deputy Critic for Veteran Affairs, Official Opposition Critic for Veteran Affairs.

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Meeting No. 19

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:07 a.m., this day, in Room 112-N (Centre Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Mac Harb, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, John Richardson, Chuck Strahl and Randy White.

Acting Members present: John Harvard for George Baker; Jay Hill for Ken Epp; Michel Bellehumeur and Michel Gauthier for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral; Joe Fontana for Rey Pagtakhan; Paul Szabo for Carolyn Parrish and William Blaikie for John Solomon.

Other Members present: Julian Reed and Bob Speller.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: Benoît Serré, M.P. (Timiskaming-Cochrane); Dan McTeague, M.P. (Pickering-Ajax-Uxbridge); Peter Goldring (Edmonton East) and Ken Epp, M.P. (Elk Island).

Order of Reference from the House of Commons – integrity of the House of Commons and the Speaker

The Committee resumed consideration of its order of reference from the House of Commons dated Tuesday, March 10, 1998, concerning certain statements attributed to Members of the House of Commons, appearing on page 7 of the March 8, 1998, Ottawa Sun, which may bring into question the integrity of the House of Commons and its servant the Speaker. (*See Minutes of Proceedings and the Evidence for Thursday, March 19, 1998, meeting no. 18*)

The Chair read the following two letters:

1) Letter addressed to Messrs. Cliff Breitzkreuz, M.P., Ken Epp, M.P., Peter Goldring, M.P., Dan McTeague, M.P. and Benoît Serré, M.P., which reads as follows:

On Tuesday, March 10, 1998, the House of Commons referred the following order of reference to the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs:

That certain statements attributed to Members of the House of Commons, appearing on page 7 of the March 8, 1998, Ottawa Sun, which may bring into question the integrity of the House of Commons and its servant the Speaker, be referred immediately to the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs.

Since certain statements were attributed to you in the said Ottawa Sun article, you are invited to appear before the Committee on Thursday, March 26, 1998, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 112-N

(Centre Block). Please note that Messrs. [names listed] have also been asked to appear at this meeting.

The Committee will allow up to 5 minutes for an opening statement followed by questions and answers.

The Members invited to appear will do so one after the other. Should the time allocated for the meeting not be sufficient to hear from all five Members, the Committee will resume on Tuesday, March 31, 1998, at 11:00 a.m.

Please confirm your appearance with the Clerk of the Committee, Ms. Marie Carrière at 947-0007. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

(S) Peter Adams, M.P.

Chair

2) Letter from Cliff Breitzkreuz, M.P., dated March 25, 1998 addressed to the Chair, which reads as follows:

Dear Mr. Adams:

Subject – The spurious federal Tory motion to refer to Committee

I received your "invitation" to attend the meeting today. Because of riding commitments, it will be impossible to be present. In addition, I cannot justify the expenditure of taxpayers' dollars (approximately \$2,000) without knowing why I should appear at the meeting. This is my quote in the Sun paper:

"It would be a pretty serious thing if he joined with the Bloc on this."

I ask the Committee members the following question: "How can the above statement be construed as contemptuous?"

(S) Cliff Breitzkreuz, M.P.

Yellowhead

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That consideration of Mr. Breitzkreuz's letter be postponed to the end of the present meeting.

At 11:20 a.m., Benoît Serré, M.P., made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 11:49 a.m., Dan McTeague, M.P., made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 12:17 p.m., Peter Goldring, M.P., made an opening statement and answered questions.

After debate, Joe Fontana, moved, - That the period allotted to each witness not exceed 20 minutes.

And debate arising thereon;

Randy White moved, - That the debate be now adjourned.

And the question being put on the motion, it was, by a show of hands, agreed to: YEAS: 9; NAYS: 2.

Randy White, moved, - That the Chair's decision to allow 20 minutes per witness be sustained.

And the question being put on the motion, it was, by a show of hands, agreed to: YEAS: 9; NAYS: 3.

Questioning of the witness resumed.

At 12:47 p.m., Ken Epp, M.P., made an opening statement and answered questions.

In accordance with the Order made earlier this day, the Committee resumed consideration of the letter of Cliff Breitzkreuz, M.P., dated March 25, 1998.

At 12:48 p.m., the Committee adjourned until Tuesday, March 31, 1998.

Marie Carrière

Clerk of the Committee

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Striking Committee

Monday, March 23, 1998

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee and in accordance with an Order adopted on Monday, September 29, 1997, the *Twenty-Fourth Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

Marie Carrière

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, March 31, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of its business pursuant to Standing Orders 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv) in relation to Private Members' Business

WITNESS:

House of Commons:

Cliff Brietkreutz, M.P.

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Meeting No. 20

~~TUESDAY~~

THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:10 a.m., this day, in Room 112-N (Centre Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, George Baker, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, Rey Pagtakhan, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson, Chuck Strahl and Randy White.

Acting Members present: Jay Hill for Ken Epp; Michel Bellehumeur for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral and Joe Fontana for Mac Harb.

Other Members present: Jim Abbott, Peter Goldring.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer. From the Office of Cliff Brietkreuz, M.P.: Logan Day.

Witness: From the House of Commons: Cliff Brietkreutz, M.P. (Yellowhead).

Committee's mandate under S.O's 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv) – Private Members' Business

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of its business pursuant to Standing Orders 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv) in relation to Private Members' Business.

The Chair of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business (Carolyn Parrish, M.P.) presented a report from the Sub-Committee recommending the selection of a votable item pursuant to Standing Order 92(1).

On motion of Carolyn Parrish, it was agreed, - That the Report from the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business be adopted as the Committee's Twenty-Fifth Report to the House, and that the Chair present the report to the House.

Order of Reference from the House of Commons – integrity of the House of Commons and the Speaker

The Committee resumed consideration of its Order of Reference from the House of Commons dated Tuesday, March 10, 1998, concerning certain statements attributed to Members of the House of Commons, appearing on page 7 of the March 8, 1998, Ottawa Sun, which may bring into question the integrity of the House of Commons and its servant the Speaker. (See Minutes of Proceedings and the Evidence for Thursday, March 18, 1998, meeting no. 18 and Thursday, March 26, 1998, meeting no. 19)

Cliff Breitkreuz, M.P., made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 11:34 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:37 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Questioning of the witness resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of its future business.

After debate, Chuck Strahl moved, - That the Committee instruct the Chair to prepare a draft report to the House on its consideration of the Order of Reference from the House of Commons dated March 10, 1998 as we are convinced that there was no intention to bring the House and the Speaker into contempt.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was, by a show of hands, agreed to:
YEAS: 11; NAYS: 2.

At 12:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière
Clerk of the Committee

Striking Committee

Wednesday, April 1st, 1998

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee and in accordance with an Order adopted on Monday, September 29, 1997, the *Twenty-Sixth Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

Marie Carrière
Clerk of the Committee.

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Chairman: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, April 21, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of its business pursuant to Standing Orders 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv) in relation to Private Members' Business

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Meeting No. 21

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:19 a.m., this day, in Room 112-N (Centre Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, George Baker, Stéphane Bergeron, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Ken Epp, Mac Harb, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, Rey Pagtakhan, Carolyn Parrish, Chuck Strahl and Randy White.

Acting Members present: Shaughnessy Cohen for Marlene Catterall; Guy St-Julien for Yvon Charbonneau, Roy Bailey for Ken Epp and Bill Graham for John Richardson.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Committee's mandate under S.O's 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv) – Private Members' Business

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of its business pursuant to Standing Orders 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv) in relation to Private Members' Business.

The Chair of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business (Carolyn Parrish) presented a report from the Sub-Committee recommending the selection of votable items pursuant to Standing Order 92(1).

And debate arising thereon;

Carolyn Parrish, moved, - That the Report from the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business be adopted as the Committee's Twenty-Seventh Report to the House, and that the Chair present the report to the House.

And the question being put on the motion, it was, by a show of hands, agreed to: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 3.

Order of Reference from the House of Commons – integrity of the House of Commons and the Speaker

The Committee resumed consideration of its Order of Reference from the House of Commons dated Tuesday, March 10, 1998, concerning certain statements attributed to Members of the House of Commons, appearing on page 7 of the March 8, 1998, Ottawa Sun, which may bring into question the integrity of the House of Commons and its servant the Speaker. (See Minutes of Proceedings and the Evidence for Thursday, March 18, 1998, meeting no. 18, Thursday, March 26, 1998, meeting no. 19 and Thursday, March 31, 1998, meeting no. 20)

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of a draft report to the House.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, - That the draft report be amended by adding on page 5, immediately

after words "citation 494" the following:

"The Committee disapprove the disrespectful attitude of Cliff Breitkreuz, M.P., towards certain members of this Committee in the course of his appearance before the Committee on March 31, 1998."

And debate arising thereon;

And the question being put on the amendment, it was, by a show of hands, negatived: YEAS: 2; NAYS: 10.

After debate, Bob Kilger moved, - That the Draft Report be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the report to the House.

And the question being put on the motion, it was, by a show of hands, agreed to: YEAS: 10; NAYS: 2.

After debate, on motion of Bob Kilger, it was agreed,- That, the Committee authorize the printing of a dissenting opinion from the Bloc québécois as an appendix to the report;

-that the dissenting opinion be printed after the Chair's signature ;

-that, the dissenting opinion not exceed the length of the report and be in the same format; and

-that, the dissenting opinion be provided to the Clerk of the Committee in one official language by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 24, 1998.

At 12:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière

Clerk of the Committee

Striking Committee

Friday, 24 April 1998

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee and in accordance with an Order adopted on Monday, September 29, 1997, the *Twenty-Eighth Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

Marie Carrière

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Orders of Reference from the House of Commons of Thursday, February 26, 1998, consideration of the Main Estimates 1998-99, vote 20, under "Privy Council, Office of the Chief Electoral Officer" and of March 25, 1998, consideration of the Report on plans and priorities

WITNESSES:

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:

Jacques Girard, Director, Legal Services;

Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada;

Carol Lesage, Director, Operations;

Janice Vézina, Director, Election Planning.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:13 a.m., this day, in Room 112-N (Centre Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Ken Epp, Mac Harb, André Harvey, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson, Chuck Strahl and Randy White.

Acting Members present: Sue Whelan for George Baker; Joe Comuzzi for Mac Harb, Marlene Jennings for Bob Kilger.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer: Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer; Janice Vézina, Director, Election Financing; Carol Lesage, Director, Operations.

Main Estimates 1998-1999 & Report on Plans and Priorities – Chief Electoral Officer

The Order of Reference from the House of Commons dated Thursday, February 26, 1998, in relation to the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1999, being read as follows:

That Vote 20 under PRIVY COUNCIL be referred to the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs.

The Chair called Vote 20 under PRIVY COUNCIL.

Jean-Pierre Kingsley made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Chuck Strahl moved, - That, Vote 20 under PRIVY COUNCIL be reduced by \$200,000.

And the question being put on the motion, it was, by a show of hands, negatived: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 5.

Vote 20 under PRIVY COUNCIL was adopted, on division.

It was agreed, on division, - That, the Chair report Vote 20 under PRIVY COUNCIL to the House.

At 12:16 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 23

Thursday, April 30, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1999; Vote 5 under Parliament (House of Commons)

APPEARING:

The Honourable Gilbert Parent, Speaker of the House of Commons

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Gus Cloutier, Major General, Sergeant-at-Arms;

William Corbett, Clerk Assistant, Corporate Resources;

Robert Marleau, Clerk.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:09 a.m., this day, in Room 112-N (Centre Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Ken Epp, Mac Harb, André Harvey, Rey Pagtakhan, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson, John Solomon, Chuck Strahl and Randy White.

Acting Members present: John Maloney for George Baker; Lynn Myers for Marlene Catterall, John O'Reilly for Bob Kilger.

Associate Member present: William Blaikie.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Appearing: The Honorable Gilbert Parent, Speaker of the House of Commons.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House; Major General Gus Cloutier, Sergeant-at-Arms; William Corbett, Clerk Assistant (Corporate Resources).

Main Estimates 1998-1999 & Report on Plans and Priorities – House of Commons

The Order of Reference from the House of Commons dated Thursday, February 26, 1998, in relation to the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1999, being read as follows:

That Vote 5 under PARLIAMENT be referred to the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs.

The Chair called Vote 5 under PRIVY COUNCIL.

The Speaker and the Clerk of the House each made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Randy White moved, - That, Vote 5 under PARLIAMENT be reduced by \$65,582.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was, by a show of hands, negatived:

YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

Vote 5 under PARLIAMENT was adopted, on division.

It was agreed, on division, - That, the Chair report Vote 5 under PARLIAMENT to the House.

At 12:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 24

Wednesday, May 6, 1998

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Meeting No. 24

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met , *in camera*, at 12:38 p.m., this day, in Room 12-N (Centre Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral; Mac Harb, André Harvey, Rey Pagtakhan, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson, John Solomon, Chuck Strahl and Randy White.

Acting Members present: Brenda Chamberlain for George Baker; Paul Bonwick for Marlene Catterall, Paul DeVilliers for Yvon Charbonneau and Joe Fontana for Bob Kilger.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer. From Stéphane Bergeron's office: Jean-François Lafleur. From André Harvey's office: John Holtby. From Chuck Strahl's office: R.J. Senko.

Report from the Commission to review allowances of Members of Parliament under S.O. 108(3)(a)(i)

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(i), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of the Report of the Commission to review allowances of Members of Parliament entitled "Supporting Democracy" tabled in the House of Commons on Wednesday, February 4, 1998. (Sessional Paper No. 8545-361-27B)

At 12:51 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 25

Thursday, May 7, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 36th General Election referred to the Committee on September 24, 1997 pursuant to Standing Order 32(5) (*Sessional Paper No. 8560-361-4*) and its examination of Canadian electoral system.

WITNESSES:

Elections Canada:

Jacques Girard, Director and Registrar of Political Parties, Legal Services.

Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:

Jamie Robertson, Research Officer.

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Meeting No. 25

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:16 a.m., this day, in Room 112-N (Centre Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Ken Epp, André Harvey, Rey Pagtakhan, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson, John Solomon, Chuck Strahl and Randy White.

Acting Member present: Elinor Caplan for Bob Kilger.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer. From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer: Jacques Girard, Director, Legal Services.

Committee's mandate under S.O. 108(3)(a)(vi) – election of Members to the House of Commons and the Chief Electoral Officer's Report on the 36th General Election

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 36th General Election referred to the Committee on September 24, 1997 pursuant to Standing Order 32(5). (*Sessional Paper No. 8560-361-4*) and its examination of the Canadian electoral system/ (*See Minutes of Proceedings and the Evidence for Thursday, November 20, 1997, meeting no. 6, Tuesday, December 2, 1997, meeting no. 9, Thursday, March 5, 1998, meeting no. 14, Wednesday, March 11, 1998, meeting no. 15 and Thursday, March 12, 1998, meeting no. 16*)

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of its workplan.

At 12:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière

Clerk of the Committee

Striking CommitteeThursday, May 7, 1998

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee and in accordance with an Order adopted on Monday, September 29, 1997, the *Thirty-Second Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

Marie Carrière

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 26

Tuesday, May 12, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 36th General Election

WITNESSES:

Elections Canada:

Diane Bruyère, Assistant Director, Operations;

Jacques Girard, Director of Legal Services and Political Party Registrar.

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Meeting No. 26

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:22 a.m., this day, in Room 112-N (Centre Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, George Baker, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Ken Epp, Mac Harb, André Harvey, Rey Pagtakhan, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson, Chuck Strahl and Randy White.

Acting Members present: Elinor Caplan for Bob Kilger; Chris Axworthy for John Solomon.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer. From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer: Jacques Girard, Director, Legal Services and Diane Bruyère, Assistant Director, Operations.

Committee's mandate under S.O's 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv) – Private Members' Business

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of its business pursuant to Standing Orders 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv) in relation to Private Members' Business.

The Chair of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business (Carolyn Parrish) presented a report from the Sub-Committee recommending the selection of votable items pursuant to Standing Order 92(1).

And debate arising thereon;

Carolyn Parrish moved, - That the Report from the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business be adopted as the Committee's Thirty-Third Report to the House, and that the Chair present the report to the House.

And debate arising thereon;

Rey Pagtakhan moved, - That, the Report be amended by deleting from the list of items to be made votable, Motion M-318.

And the question being put on the amendment, it was, by show of hands, negatived: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

And the question being put on the motion, it was, by show of hands, agreed to: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

Committee's mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi) – election of Members to the House of Commons and the Chief Electoral Officer's Report on the 36th General Election

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 36th General Election referred to the Committee on September 24, 1997 pursuant to Standing Order 32(5). (Sessional Paper No. 8560-361-4) (See Minutes of Proceedings and the Evidence for Thursday, November 20, 1997, meeting no. 6, Tuesday, December 2, 1997, meeting no. 9, Thursday, March 5, 1998, meeting no. 14, Wednesday, March 11, 1998, meeting no. 15, Thursday, March 12, 1998, meeting no. 16 and Thursday, May 7, 1998, meeting no. 25.)

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of the Discussion Paper entitled "Substantive Issues – Part I"

dated 8 May 1998.

At 12:44 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 27

Thursday, May 14, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 36th General Election

WITNESSES:

Elections Canada:

Diane Bruyère, Assistant Director, Operations;

Jacques Girard, Director of Legal Services and Registrar of Political Parties.

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Meeting No. 27

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:16 a.m., this day, in Room 112-N (Centre Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson, Chuck Strahl and Randy White.

Acting Member present: Elinor Caplan for Bob Kilger.

In attendance: *From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Research Officer. *From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:* Jacques Girard, Director, Legal Services and Diane Bruyère, Assistant Director, Operations.

Committee's mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi) – election of Members to the House of Commons and the Chief Electoral Officer's Report on the 36th General Election

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 36th General Election referred to the Committee on September 24, 1997 pursuant to Standing Order 32(5). (Sessional Paper No. 8560-361-4) (See Minutes of Proceedings and the Evidence for Thursday, November 20, 1997, meeting no. 6, Tuesday, December 2, 1997, meeting no. 9, Thursday, March 5, 1998, meeting no. 14, Wednesday, March 11, 1998, meeting no. 15, Thursday, March 12, 1998, meeting no. 16, Thursday, May 7, 1998, meeting no. 25 and Tuesday, May 12, 1998, meeting no. 26.)

The Committee resumed consideration of the Discussion Paper on Substantive Issues (Part I).

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of the Discussion Paper on Substantive Issues (Part II).

At 12:46 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 28

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:10 a.m., this day, in Room 112-N (Centre Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, George Baker, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Ken Epp, Mac Harb, André Harvey, Rey Pagtakhan, John Richardson, John Solomon, Chuck Strahl and Randy White.

Acting Members present: Elinor Caplan for Bob Kilger; John O'Reilly for Carolyn Parrish.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer. From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer: Jacques Girard, Director, Legal Services; Janice Vézina, Director, Election Financing. From the Bloc québécois: Lorraine Godin, Officer. From the New Democratic Party: Peter Julian, Assistant Federal Secretary.

Committee's mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi) – election of Members to the House of Commons and the Chief Electoral Officer's Report on the 36th General Election

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 36th General Election referred to the Committee on September 24, 1997 pursuant to Standing Order 32(5) (*Sessional Paper No. 8560-361-4*), and its consideration of the Canadian electoral system (See Minutes of Proceedings and the Evidence for Thursday, November 20, 1997, meeting no. 6; Tuesday, December 2, 1997, meeting no. 9; Thursday, March 5, 1998, meeting no. 14; Wednesday, March 11, 1998, meeting no. 15; Thursday, March 12, 1998, meeting no. 16; Thursday, May 7, 1998, meeting no. 25; Tuesday, May 12, 1998, meeting no. 26; Thursday, May 14, 1998, meeting no. 27.)

The Committee resumed consideration of the Discussion Paper on Substantive Issues (Part II).

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of the Discussion Paper on Electoral Finance Issues.

Committee's mandate under S.O. 108(3)(a)(iv) – Private Members' Business

Peter Adams on behalf of Carolyn Parrish, Chair of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business, tabled the Sub-Committee's *Second Report* concerning the criteria for the selection of votable items on Private Members' Business.

At 12:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière

Clerk of the Committee

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THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:14 a.m., this day, in Room 112-N (Centre Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, George Baker, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, André Harvey, Rey Pagtakhan and John Richardson.

Acting Member present: Elinor Caplan for Bob Kilger.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer. From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer: Jacques Girard, Director, Legal Services; Janice Vézina, Director, Election Financing. From the Bloc Québécois: Lorraine Godin, Officer. From the New Democratic Party: Peter Julian, Assistant Federal Secretary.

Committee's mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi) – election of Members to the House of Commons and the Chief Electoral Officer's Report on the 36th General Election

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 36th General Election referred to the Committee on September 24, 1997 pursuant to Standing Order 32(5). (*Sessional Paper No. 8560-361-4*) and its consideration of the Canadian electoral system. (See Minutes of Proceedings and the Evidence for Thursday, November 20, 1997, meeting no. 6, Tuesday, December 2, 1997, meeting no. 9, Thursday, March 5, 1998, meeting no. 14, Wednesday, March 11, 1998, meeting no. 15, Thursday, March 12, 1998, meeting no. 16, Thursday, May 7, 1998, meeting no. 25, Tuesday, May 12, 1998, meeting no. 26, Thursday, May 14, 1998, meeting no. 27 and Tuesday, May 26, 1998, meeting no. 28)

The Committee resumed consideration of the Discussion Paper on Electoral Finance Issues.

At 12:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 30

MONDAY, JUNE 1st, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met, *in camera*, at 12:10 p.m., this day, in Room 112-N (Centre Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Ken Epp, Mac Harb, Rey Pagtakhan, Carolyn Parrish, John Solomon, Chuck Strahl and Randy White.

Acting Members present: Claude Drouin and Hector Clouthier for George Baker; Rick Borotsick for André Harvey; Elinor Caplan for Bob Kilger; Beth Phinney for Rey Pagtakhan; Guy Saint-Julien and Joe Jordan for John Richardson.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Committee's mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a) – Report from the Commission to Review Allowances of Members of Parliament

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a), the Committee resumed consideration of the Report of the Commission to Review Allowances of Members of Parliament entitled "Supporting Democracy" tabled in the House of Commons on Wednesday, February 4, 1998. (Sessional Paper No. 8545-361-27B) (*See Minutes of Proceedings for Wednesday, May 6, 1998, meeting no. 24*).

At 1:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 31

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Meeting No. 31

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:39 a.m., this day, in Room 112-N (Centre Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, George Baker, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Ken Epp, André Harvey, Rey Pagtakhan, Carolyn Parrish, John Solomon and Chuck Strahl.

Acting Members present: Colleen Beaumier for George Baker; John Finlay and Carolyn Bennett for Marlene Catterall; Joe Jordan and John Harvard for Yvon Charbonneau; Elinor Caplan for Bob Kilger; Julian Reed for Carolyn Parrish; Sue Barnes for John Richardson.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer. From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer: Jacques Girard, Director, Legal Services; Janice Vézina, Director, Election Financing. From the Bloc Québécois: Lorraine Godin, Officer. From the New Democratic Party: Peter Julian, Assistant Federal Secretary.

Committee's mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi) – election of Members to the House of Commons and the Chief Electoral Officer's Report on the 36th General Election

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 36th General Election referred to the Committee on September 24, 1997 pursuant to Standing Order 32(5). (*Sessional Paper No. 8560-361-4*) and its consideration of the Canadian electoral system. (See Minutes of Proceedings and the Evidence for Thursday, November 20, 1997, meeting no. 6, Tuesday, December 2, 1997, meeting no. 9, Thursday, March 5, 1998, meeting no. 14, Wednesday, March 11, 1998, meeting no. 15, Thursday, March 12, 1998, meeting no. 16, Thursday, May 7, 1998, meeting no. 25, Tuesday, May 12, 1998, meeting no. 26, Thursday, May 14, 1998, meeting no. 27, Tuesday, May 26, 1998, meeting no. 28 and Thursday, May 28, 1998, meeting no. 29)

The Committee resumed consideration of the Discussion Paper on Electoral Finance Issues.

It was agreed, - That, a working luncheon be held this day.

At 1:49 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 32

Thursday, June 4, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 36th General Election

WITNESSES:

Bloc Québécois:

Lorraine Godin, Agent.

Elections Canada:

Jacques Girard, Director, Legal Services;

Janice Vézina, Director, Election Financing.

New Democratic Party:

Peter Julian, Assistant Federal Secretary.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:32 a.m., this day, in Room 112-N (Centre Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Mac Harb, André Harvey, Rey Pagtakhan, Carolyn Parrish and John Richardson.

Acting Member present: Elinor Caplan for Bob Kilger.

Other Member present: Paddy Torsney.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer. From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer: Jacques Girard, Director, Legal Services; Janice Vézina, Director, Election Financing. From the Bloc Québécois: Lorraine Godin, Officer. From the New Democratic Party: Peter Julian, Assistant Federal Secretary.

Committee's mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi) – election of Members to the House of Commons and the Chief Electoral Officer's Report on the 36th General Election

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 36th General Election referred to the Committee on September 24, 1997 pursuant to Standing Order 32(5). (*Sessional Paper No. 8560-361-4*) and its consideration of the Canadian electoral system. (*See Minutes of Proceedings and the Evidence for Thursday, November 20, 1997, meeting no. 6, Tuesday, December 2, 1997, meeting no. 9, Thursday, March 5, 1998, meeting no. 14, Wednesday, March 11, 1998, meeting no. 15, Thursday, March 12, 1998, meeting no. 16, Thursday, May 7, 1998, meeting no. 25, Tuesday, May 12, 1998, meeting no. 26, Thursday, May 14, 1998, meeting no. 27, Tuesday, May 26, 1998, meeting no. 28, Thursday, May 28, 1998, meeting no. 29 and Tuesday, June 2, 1998, meeting no. 31*)

The Committee resumed consideration of the Discussion Paper on Electoral Finance Issues.

At 12:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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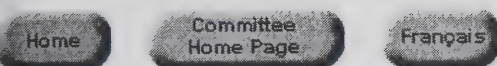
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TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:16 a.m., this day, in Room 112-N (Centre Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, George Baker, Stéphane Bergeron, Yvon Charbonneau, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, André Harvey, Rey Pagtakhan, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson and John Solomon.

Acting Members present: Shaughnessy Cohen for Yvon Charbonneau; Elinor Caplan and Mauril Bélanger for Bob Kilger.

In attendance: *From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Research Officer. *From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:* Jacques Girard, Director, Legal Services; Janice Vézina, Director, Election Financing. *From the Bloc Québécois:* Lorraine Godin, Officer. *From the New Democratic Party:* Peter Julian, Assistant Federal Secretary.

Committee's mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi) – election of Members to the House of Commons and the Chief Electoral Officer's Report on the 36th General Election

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 36th General Election referred to the Committee on September 24, 1997 pursuant to Standing Order 32(5). (*Sessional Paper No. 8560-361-4*) and its consideration of the Canadian electoral system. (*See Minutes of Proceedings and the Evidence for Thursday, November 20, 1997, meeting no. 6, Tuesday, December 2, 1997, meeting no. 9, Thursday, March 5, 1998, meeting no. 14, Wednesday, March 11, 1998, meeting no. 15, Thursday, March 12, 1998, meeting no. 16, Thursday, May 7, 1998, meeting no. 25, Tuesday, May 12, 1998, meeting no. 26, Thursday, May 14, 1998, meeting no. 27, Tuesday, May 26, 1998, meeting no. 28, Thursday, May 28, 1998, meeting no. 29, Tuesday, June 2, 1998, meeting no. 31 and Thursday, June 4, 1998, meeting no. 32*)

The Committee resumed consideration of the Discussion Paper on Electoral Finance Issues.

At 12:15 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:21 p.m., the sitting resumed.

It was agreed,- That, the Committee meet this day from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for the consideration of outstanding issues on the electoral law study.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of the Discussion Paper on Miscellaneous Issues.

At 12:30 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:04 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of the Discussion Paper on Technical Issues.

At 1:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

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ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 36th General Election

WITNESSES:

Elections Canada:

Jacques Girard, Director of Legal Services;

Janice Vézina, Director, Election Financing.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 6:49 p.m., this day, in Room 112-N (Centre Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Ken Epp, André Harvey, Carolyn Parrish, John Solomon and Chuck Strahl.

Acting Members present: Joe Jordan for George Baker; Guy Saint-Julien for Yvon Charbonneau; John Maloney for Mac Harb; Elinor Caplan for Bob Kilger.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer. From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer: Jacques Girard, Director, Legal Services; Janice Vézina, Director, Election Financing.

Committee's mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi) – election of Members to the House of Commons and the Chief Electoral Officer's Report on the 36th General Election

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 36th General Election referred to the Committee on September 24, 1997 pursuant to Standing Order 32(5). (*Sessional Paper No. 8560-361-4*) and its consideration of the Canadian electoral system. (See Minutes of Proceedings and the Evidence for Thursday, November 20, 1997, meeting no. 6, Tuesday, December 2, 1997, meeting no. 9, Thursday, March 5, 1998, meeting no. 14, Wednesday, March 11, 1998, meeting no. 15, Thursday, March 12, 1998, meeting no. 16, Thursday, May 7, 1998, meeting no. 25, Tuesday, May 12, 1998, meeting no. 26, Thursday, May 14, 1998, meeting no. 27, Tuesday, May 26, 1998, meeting no. 28, Thursday, May 28, 1998, meeting no. 29, Tuesday, June 2, 1998, meeting no. 31, Thursday, June 4, 1998, meeting no. 32 and Tuesday, June 9, 1998, meeting no. 33)

The Committee resumed consideration of the Discussion Paper on Technical Issues.

At 7:51 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:20 a.m., this day, in Room 112-N (Centre Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, George Baker, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Ken Epp, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson and John Solomon.

Acting Member present: Elinor Caplan for Bob Kilger.

In attendance: *From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* James Robertson, Research Officer. *From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:* Jacques Girard, Director, Legal Services. *From the New Democratic Party:* Peter Julian, Assistant Federal Secretary.

Committee's mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi) – election of Members to the House of Commons and the Chief Electoral Officer's Report on the 36th General Election

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 36th General Election referred to the Committee on September 24, 1997 pursuant to Standing Order 32(5). (*Sessional Paper No. 8560-361-4*) and its consideration of the Canadian electoral system. (*See Minutes of Proceedings and the Evidence for Thursday, November 20, 1997, meeting no. 6, Tuesday, December 2, 1997, meeting no. 9, Thursday, March 5, 1998, meeting no. 14, Wednesday, March 11, 1998, meeting no. 15, Thursday, March 12, 1998, meeting no. 16, Tuesday, March 17, 1998, meeting no. 17; Thursday, May 7, 1998, meeting no. 25, Tuesday, May 12, 1998, meeting no. 26, Thursday, May 14, 1998, meeting no. 27, Tuesday, May 26, 1998, meeting no. 28, Thursday, May 28, 1998, meeting no. 29, Tuesday, June 2, 1998, meeting no. 31, Thursday, June 4, 1998, meeting no. 32 and Tuesday, June 9, 1998, meetings no. 33 and 34*)

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of a Draft Report to the House.

At 12:53 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 36

Friday, June 12, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 36th General Election

WITNESS:

Elections Canada:

Jacques Girard, Director of Legal Services and Registrar of Political Parties.

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Meeting No. 36

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 9:28 a.m., this day, in Room 112-N (Centre Block), Peter Adams (*Chair*) presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson and John Solomon.

Acting Members present: Guy Saint-Julien for Yvon Charbonneau; David Pratt for Mac Harb; Elinor Caplan for Bob Kilger and Ivan Grose for Rey Pagtakhan.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer. *From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:* Jacques Girard, Director, Legal Services.

Committee's mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi) – election of Members to the House of Commons and the Chief Electoral Officer's Report on the 36th General Election

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the 36th General Election referred to the Committee on September 24, 1997 pursuant to Standing Order 32(5). (*Sessional Paper No. 8560-361-4*) and its consideration of the Canadian electoral system. (*See Minutes of Proceedings and the Evidence for Thursday, November 20, 1997, meeting no. 6, Tuesday, December 2, 1997, meeting no. 9, Thursday, March 5, 1998, meeting no. 14, Wednesday, March 11, 1998, meeting no. 15, Thursday, March 12, 1998, meeting no. 16, Tuesday, March 17, 1998, meeting no. 17; Thursday, May 7, 1998, meeting no. 25, Tuesday, May 12, 1998, meeting no. 26, Thursday, May 14, 1998, meeting no. 27, Tuesday, May 26, 1998, meeting no. 28, Thursday, May 28, 1998, meeting no. 29, Tuesday, June 2, 1998, meeting no. 31, Thursday, June 4, 1998, meeting no. 32; Tuesday, June 9, 1998, meetings no. 33 and 34; and Thursday, June 12, 1998, meeting no. 35*)

The Committee resumed consideration of a Draft Report to the House.

On motion of Elinor Caplan, it was agreed, - That, the Chair, in cooperation with the Clerk of the Committee, be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the draft report; and

That, the draft report, as amended, be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House or to the Clerk of the House; and

That, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to this report.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 37

Tuesday, September 29, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Gurmant Grewal, Lynn Myers, John Richardson, John Solomon, and Randy White.

Acting Members present: Pierre Brien for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral; Bill Graham for Lynn Myers to 11:15 a.m.; Dick Harris for Chuck Strahl; Stan Keyes for George Baker; Julian Reed for Joe Fontana to 11:48 a.m., and Carolyn Parrish for Joe Fontana from 11:48 a.m.

Other Member present: Bill Graham from 11:15 a.m.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James R. Robertson, Research Officer.

Changes to the membership of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(1)(a), the Committee proceeded to change the membership of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business.

On motion of Bob Kilger, it was agreed, - That, notwithstanding the motion adopted on Monday, September 29, 1997, the membership of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business be amended as follows: Lynn Myers; Joe Jordan; Deborah Grey; Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral; Bill Blaikie and André Harvey; and,

that Lynn Myers be appointed Chair of the Sub-Committee.

Report of the Striking Committee

Pursuant to Standing Order 104(1), the Committee discussed the status of the Striking Committee Report and the reporting deadline.

On motion of John Richardson, it was agreed, - That, all parties provide the Clerk with their respective lists of names and Committee assignments by 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 30, 1998; and,

that the Committee meet at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 1, 1998 to consider the report of the Striking Committee.

Other Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee discussed its future business.

Dick Harris moved, - That pursuant to Section 18 of the Constitution Act, Section 4 of the Parliament of Canada Act and Section 108(1)(a) of the Standing Orders, this Committee send for Harold Wilson, the Government Ethics Counsellor, in order to question him on the government's continuing refusal to provide Canadians with the Ethics Code for Ministers.

And debate arising thereon;

The Chair ruled the motion out of order on the grounds that the Ethics Counsellor does not report to Parliament and is therefore not included within the mandate of the Committee under Standing Order 108(3)(a).

And debate arising thereon;

Marlene Catterall moved: - That the decision of the Chair be sustained.

And the question being put on the motion, it was, on a recorded division, agreed to:

YEAS:

Marlene Catterall

Yvon Charbonneau

Stan Keyes

Bob Kilger

Gar Knutson

Lynn Myers

Carolyn Parrish

John Richardson

John Solomon

NAYS:

Stéphane Bergeron

Pierre Brien

Gurmant Grewal

Dick Harris

André Harvey

Randy White

YEAS: 9; NAYS: 6.

At 11:52 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Thursday, October 1st, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Joe Fontana, Gurmant Grewal, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Lynn Myers, John Solomon and Chuck Strahl.

Acting Member present: Lou Sekora for John Richardson.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James R. Robertson, Research Officer. *From the House of Commons Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business:* Diane Diotte, Committee Clerk.

Committee's mandate pursuant to Standing Order 104(1), in relation to the membership of Standing and Standing Joint Committees

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of the Report of the Striking Committee pursuant to Standing Order 104(1).

On motion of Lynn Myers, it was agreed, - That the draft report be adopted as the Committee's Thirty-Sixth Report to the House and,

that the Chair present the Report to the House.

Standing Orders 92 and 108(3)(a) (iv) - Private Members' Business

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of its business pursuant to Standing Orders 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv) in relation to Private Members' Business.

The Chair of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business (Lynn Myers) presented a report from the Sub-Committee recommending the selection of certain items as votable items pursuant to Standing Order 92(1).

On motion of Lynn Myers, it was agreed, - That the Report from the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business be adopted as the Committee's Thirty-Seventh Report and,

that the Chair present the report to the House.

At 11:13 o'clock a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

Striking Committee

Friday, October 2, 1998

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee and in accordance with an Order adopted on Monday, September 29, 1997, the *Thirty-Eighth Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Thursday, October 8, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:32 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, George Baker, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Joe Fontana, Gurmant Grewal, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Lynn Myers, John Solomon, Chuck Strahl, Randy White.

Acting Members present: Murray Calder for John Richardson and René Laurin for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral.

Associate Member present: Mac Harb.

In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James R. Robertson, Research Officer.

Committee's mandate under S.O. 108(3)

The Committee proceeded to consideration of its future business.

John Solomon moved, - That the Committee on Procedure and House Affairs, call before the Committee Frederick Toole, Dick Proctor, MP and the Solicitor General Andy Scott to clarify exactly what the Solicitor General said on Flight 8876 from Ottawa to Fredericton on Thursday, October 1st 1998.

And debate thereon.

The Chair ruled the motion out of order as it does not fall under the mandate of the Committee and is a matter that should be dealt with by the House.

The Chair distributed copies of the First Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure which reads as follows:

FIRST REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON

AGENDA AND PROCEDURE

OF THE

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Your Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure met *in camera* at 11:38 a.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 1998 in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, M.P., presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, André Harvey, John Solomon and Chuck Strahl.

Also in attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Your Sub-Committee proceeded to the consideration of the Committee's future business and agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. That the Committee receive a briefing from the members of the Sub-Committee on the Business of Supply of the 35th Parliament on the 64th Report which had been tabled in the House of Commons immediately prior to the last federal general election.
2. That the House of Commons staff responsible for the accommodation plans as related to the ongoing renovations be requested to provide a briefing prior to the Christmas Recess to members of the Committee on the status of the renovations and timelines for moving into the Justice Building.
3. That the Chair of the Committee speak to the Hon. Sharon Carstairs concerning her letter of September 30, 1998 on the subject of the treatment of Senate Private Members' Public Bills in the House of Commons.
4. That the Committee await the summary of the debate on the Standing Orders from April 1998 prior to discussing any proposed changes to the Standing Orders.
5. That the Committee review the changes proposed by the Senate Rules Committee to the Twenty-Second Report concerning the rules for joint committees to determine if there are changes which are acceptable to the Committee.

At 12:23 p.m. the meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Adams, M.P.

Chair

On motion of Lynn Myers, it was agreed, - That, the First Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs be adopted as printed.

René Laurin moved, - That, in the event the Solicitor General Andy Scott not be invited or refuse to appear as a witness before the Commission of Inquiry to clarify the circumstances surrounding the actions of the RCMP in what has been called "Peppergate", the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs invite Messrs. Toole, Proctor and Scott to appear before the Committee to clarify exactly what the Solicitor General said on Flight 8876 from Ottawa to Fredericton on Thursday, October 1st, 1998.

The Chair ruled the motion out of order as it does not fall under the mandate of the Committee.

At 12:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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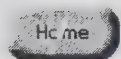
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ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of its business pursuant to Standing Orders 92 and 108 (3)(a)(iv) in relation to Private Members' Business



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Meeting No. 40

Tuesday, November 3, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, George S. Baker, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Joe Fontana, Gurmant Grewal, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Lynn Myers, John Richardson, John Solomon, Chuck Strahl, Randy White.

Acting Members present: Andrew Telegdi for George Baker to 11:15 a.m.; Julian Reed for Joe Fontana to 11:24 a.m.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James R. Robertson, Research Officer.

Committee's mandate under Standing Orders 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv) – Private Members' Business

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of its business pursuant to Standing Orders 92 and 108 (3)(a)(iv) in relation to Private Members' Business.

Lynn Myers moved, - That, the Report from the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business be adopted as the Committee's Forty-First Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

And debate thereon.

Randy White moved, - That, the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word "be" and substituting the following:

"not now adopted but that it be recommitted to the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business with instructions to assign all of the votables presently available."

And debate thereon, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on division.

The question being put on the motion, it carried on division.

Lynn Myers moved, - That, the Report from the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House immediately following the November Recess.

The question being put on the motion, it carried on division.

Committee's mandate pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(i) - Members' Services

It was agreed, - That, the Committee accept the resignation of Randy White as Chair and Member of

the Sub-Committee on Members' Services and that, the Committee discuss the implications for this Sub-Committee at a future meeting.

Committee's mandate pursuant to an Order of Reference from the House of Commons of June 7, 1995 - the Business of Supply

It was agreed, - That, the Committee hold a briefing session prior to the Christmas Recess on the recommendations contained in the Sixty-Fourth Report of this Committee from the 34th Parliament.

Committee's mandate pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(v)

Randy White moved, - That this Committee, pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(v), review and report to the House on the radio and television broadcasting of proceedings of the House and its committees with the goal of open access for television cameras of committee meetings and amend the existing guidelines governing the broadcasting of committee meetings accordingly.

And debate thereon.

Marlene Catterall moved, - That, the motion be amended to read as follows: "That this Committee, pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(v), review and report to the House on the radio and television broadcasting of proceedings of the House and its committees including access for television cameras to committee meetings and the existing guidelines governing the broadcasting of committee meetings.

And the question being put on the amendment it was carried unanimously.

Committee's mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(i) - Services of the House

It was agreed, - That, the Committee members will no longer receive a hard copy of the blues, but in accordance to the accepted practice in other Standing Committees, only the electronic versions of the blues would be sent to members' offices.

At 12:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

Striking Committee

Thursday, October 22, 1998

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee and in accordance with an Order adopted on Monday, September 29, 1997, the *Thirty-Ninth Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

Tuesday, October 27, 1998

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee and in accordance with an Order adopted on Monday, September 29, 1997, the *Fortieth Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

Wednesday, November 4, 1998

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee and in accordance with an Order adopted on Monday, September 29, 1997, the *Forty-Second Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 41

Thursday, November 19, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Performance Report of the Administration of the House of Commons for the period of April 1997 to September 1998

APPEARING:

Hon. Gilbert Parent, Speaker of the House of Commons

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

G. Cloutier, Major-General and Sergeant-at-Arms, Parliamentary Precinct;

Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House.

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Meeting No. 41

Thursday, November 19, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 10:45 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Joe Fontana, Gurmant Grewal, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, Lynn Myers, John Richardson, John Solomon, Randy White.

Acting Members present: Joe Volpe for George Baker; Bonnie Brown for Gar Knutson.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson.

Appearing: The Hon. Gilbert Parent, Speaker of the House of Commons.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House; MGen. G. Cloutier, Sergeant-at-Arms; William Corbett, Clerk Assistant (Corporate Resources).

Supplementary Estimates (B) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1999

The Order of Reference from the House of Commons dated Thursday, October 29, 1998: Supplementary Estimates (B) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1999 being read as follows:

That, Vote 5b under PARLIAMENT be referred to the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs.

Performance Report of the Administration of the House of Commons

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of the Performance Report of the Administration of the House of Commons for the period of April 1997 to September 1998.

The Chair called Vote 5b under PARLIAMENT (House of Commons).

The Speaker and the Clerk made opening statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Vote 5b carried.

ORDERED, - That, the Chair report Vote 5b under PARLIAMENT to the House.

Future Business of the Committee: Second Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure

At 11:56 a.m., the Committee proceeded to the consideration of its future business.

The Chair distributed copies of the Second Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure which reads as follows:

SECOND REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON
AGENDA AND PROCEDURE
OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Your Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure met *in camera* at 11:13 a.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 1998 in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, M.P., presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, John Solomon and Chuck Strahl.

Also in attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Your Sub-Committee proceeded to the consideration of the Committee's future business and agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. That the Chair, in consultation with John Williams, be authorized to set a date for a briefing session on the 64th Report of the Committee of the 2nd Session, 35th Parliament.
2. That the Committee agree to hold meetings pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(v) concerning the television broadcasting of committees' proceedings on the following dates: Tuesday, November 24 and Thursday, November 26, 1998
3. That the Committee invite representatives of the electronic media and the Clerk of the House of Commons to appear on its study of the television broadcasting of committees' proceedings.
4. That the Committee invite the Speaker and Clerk of the House of Commons to appear before the Committee on Thursday, November 19, 1998 to discuss the Supplementary Estimates B 1998-1999 and should it be presented to the House by this date, the Performance Report of the House for 1997-1998.

At 11:42 p.m. the meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Adams, M.P.

Chair

On motion of Lynn Myers, it was agreed, - That, the Second Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs be adopted as

printed.

At 11:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Miriam Burke

Committee Clerk

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 42

Tuesday, November 24, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Review of the radio and television broadcasting of the proceedings of House committees

WITNESSES:

Canadian Parliamentary Press Gallery:

LeeEllen Carroll, Director.

CTV:

Graig Oliver, Bureau Chief.

Radio-Canada TV:

Denis Ferland, National Assignment Editor.

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Meeting No. 42

Tuesday, November 24, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Joe Fontana, Gurmant Grewal, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Lynn Myers, John Richardson, Chuck Strahl, Randy White.

Acting Member present: Michelle Dockrill for John Solomon.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Parliamentary Press Gallery Executive: LeeEllen Carroll, Director; *From the C.T.V.:* Craig Oliver, Bureau Chief; *From the "Radio-Canada":* Denis Ferland, Journalist.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(v), the review of the radio and television broadcasting of the proceedings of House committees (*see Minutes of Proceedings of Meeting no. 40, Tuesday, November 3, 1998*).

LeeEllen Carroll made a statement and, with Craig Oliver and Denis Ferland, answered questions.

At 12:13 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

Striking Committee

Thursday, November 5, 1998

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee and in accordance with an Order adopted on Monday, September 29, 1997, the *Forty-Third Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 43

Thursday, November 26, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Review of the radio and television broadcasting of the proceedings of House committees

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Louis Bard, Chief Information Officer and Executive Director, Information Services
Directorate;

Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House;

Rob Walsh, Clerk Assistant and General legislative Counsel, Committees and Legislative
Services Directorate.

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Meeting No. 43

Thursday, November 26, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Joe Fontana, Gurmant Grewal, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, Lynn Myers, John Richardson, Chuck Strahl and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House; Louis Bard, Chief Information Officer and Executive Director, Information Services; Rob Walsh, Clerk Assistant and General Legislative Counsel.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(v), the review of the radio and television broadcasting of the proceedings of House committees (*see Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday, November 3, 1998, meeting no. 40, and Tuesday, November 24, 1998, meeting no. 42*).

Robert Marleau made a statement and, with Louis Bard and Rob Walsh, answered questions.

At 12:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

Striking Committee

Wednesday, November 25, 1998

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee and in accordance with an Order adopted on Monday, September 29, 1997, the *Forty-Sixth Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 44

Tuesday, December 1, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Review of the radio and television broadcasting of the proceedings of House Committees



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Meeting No. 44

Tuesday, December 1st, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:17 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Joe Fontana, Gurmant Grewal, Gar Knutson, Lynn Myers, John Richardson, John Solomon, Chuck Strahl and Randy White.

Acting Members present: Hec Clouthier for Yvon Charbonneau; George Proud for Marlene Catterall to 11:39 a.m.; Nancy Karetak-Lindell for Gar Knutson; George Proud for Bob Kilger from 11:40 a.m.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(v), the review of the radio and television broadcasting of the proceedings of House committees (*see Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday, November 3, 1998, meeting no. 40; Tuesday, November 24, 1998, meeting no. 42, and Thursday, November 26, 1998, meeting no. 43*).

The Committee met to consider its draft report.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(3)

At 12:21 p.m., by unanimous consent, the Committee resumed its deliberations in public.

The Chair informed members of a request received under Standing Order 106(3) concerning the leak of committee reports prior to their being tabled in the House.

It was agreed, - That the Committee will consider the request received under Standing Order 106(3) on Thursday, December 3, 1998.

At 12:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerks of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 45

Thursday, December 3, 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Review of the radio and television broadcasting of the proceedings of House Committees



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Meeting No. 45

Thursday, December 3, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:53 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, George Baker, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Joe Fontana, Gurmant Grewal, André Harvey, Lynn Myers, Chuck Strahl and Randy White.

Acting Members present: Réginald Bélair for George Baker to 12:08 p.m.; John McKay for Bob Kilger; Mark Assad for John Richardson to 12:12 p.m.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(v), the review of the radio and television broadcasting of the proceedings of House Committees (*see Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday, November 3, 1998, meeting no. 40; Tuesday, November 24, 1998, meeting no. 42, Thursday, November 26, 1998, meeting no. 43 and Tuesday, December 1, 1998, meeting no. 44*).

The Committee met to consider its draft report.

It was unanimously agreed, - That, the draft report be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that, the Chair present the Report to the House.

It was agreed, - That the Chair, in collaboration with the Clerk and the researcher of the Committee, be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be required without changing the substance of the report.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(3)

At 12:21 p.m., by unanimous consent, the Committee resumed its deliberations in public.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(3), the Committee commenced consideration of the letter dated November 25, 1998, which reads as follows:

"Dear Ms. Chafe:

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(3), a meeting of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs shall be convened within ten sitting days for the purpose of examining the problem of leaked committee reports prior to tabling in the House.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Randy White, MP; Chuck Strahl, MP; Gurmant Grewal, MP and John Solomon, MP.

It was agreed, - That, the Committee undertake a study of the problem of leaked committee reports prior to tabling in the House in the period immediately following the Christmas Recess.

At 12:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

Striking Committee

Tuesday, December 1, 1998

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee and in accordance with an Order adopted on Monday, September 29, 1997, the *Forty-Seventh Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 46

Tuesday, December 8 1998

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Briefing session on the recommendations contained in the Sixty-Fourth Report of this Committee from the Second Session, 35th Parliament

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Marlene Catterall, Lib., Member from *Ottawa West--Nepean*;

Rey Pagtakhan, Lib., Member from *Winnipeg North--St. Paul*;

John Williams, Ref., Member from *St. Albert*.

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Meeting No. 46

Tuesday, December 8, 1998

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, George Baker, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Gurmant Grewal, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, Lynn Myers, John Richardson, John Solomon and Chuck Strahl.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: Marlene Catterall, M.P., John Williams, M.P. and Rey Pagtakhan, M.P.

Pursuant to the order of reference from the Committee at its November 3, 1998 meeting, briefing session on the recommendations contained in the Sixty-Fourth Report of this Committee from the Second Session, 35th Parliament.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii)

By unanimous consent, the Committee received a report from the Chair on the proposed workplan to study the question of leaking of committee reports prior to tabling in the House.

At 11:15 a.m., the Committee reverted to the consideration of its order of the day.

Marlene Catterall, John Williams and Rey Pagtakhan made statements and answered questions.

On motion of Lynn Myers, it was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs adopt the 64th Report of the Committee of the Second Session, 35th Parliament, as its Fifty-first Report.

On motion of Chuck Strahl, it was agreed, - That the Chair be instructed to present it to the House along with a request under Standing Order 109 for a comprehensive government response.

On motion of Lynn Myers, it was agreed, - That the Chair, in consultation with the Clerk and Researcher, be authorized to make such editorial and typographical corrections as may be necessary without altering the substance of the report.

At 12:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 47

Thursday, February 4, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of a Draft Report from the Sub-Committee on Private Member's Business,
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Meeting No. 47

Thursday, February 4, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:13 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, George Baker, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Joe Fontana, Bob Kilger, Lynn Myers, John Richardson, John Solomon and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Committees mandate pursuant to Standing Orders 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv) in relation to Private Members' Business

The Committee resumed consideration of a Draft Report from the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business, selection of votable items.

On motion of Lynn Myers, it was agreed, - That the Report from the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

Future Business of the Committee

The Chair circulated copies of the Third Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure which reads as follows:

THIRD REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON

AGENDA AND PROCEDURE

OF THE

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Your Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure met *in camera* at 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday, February 2, 1999 in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, M.P., presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, André Harvey, John Solomon and Chuck Strahl.

Also in attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Your Sub-Committee proceeded to the consideration of the Committee's future business and agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. That, the Committee commence its study of the leaking of committee reports on Thursday, February 11, 1999, and, that the Clerk of the House of Commons and his officials be invited to appear on this date to discuss the current practices in committees as well as the experiences of other legislatures in dealing with such leaks.
2. That, members of the Committee provide the Chair of the Committee with additional witnesses for its study on leaking of committee reports over the next two weeks.
3. That, the Committee invite the Speaker of the House of Commons to appear on the Main Estimates, 1999-2000, during the week of March 8, 1999.
4. That, the Committee invite the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada to appear on the Main Estimates, 1999-2000, during the week of March 23, 1999.
5. That, the Committee request that both the Speaker and officials from Elections Canada be prepared to discuss the linkages between the Main Estimates, 1999-2000 and their previous Priorities and Planning documents and Reports on Performance Review.
6. That, the Committee meet on Thursday, February 4, 1999 to adopt the report of the Sub-Committee on Private Members Business.

At 11:37 a.m. the meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Adams, M.P.

Chair

On motion of John Solomon, it was agreed, - That, the Third Report from the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure be adopted.

At 11:30 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 48

Thursday, February 11, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of a request received pursuant to Standing Order 106 (3) concerning the leak of committee reports prior to tabling in the House of Commons

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Diane Davidson, General Legal Counsel, Legal Services;

Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House of Commons;

Rob Walsh, Clerk Assistant and General Legislative Counsel, Committee and Legislative Services.

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Meeting No. 48

Thursday, February 11, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, George S. Baker, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Joe Fontana, André Harvey, Lynn Myers, John Richardson, John Solomon, Randy White.

Other Member present: Roy Bailey.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House; Rob Walsh, Clerk Assistant and General Legislative Counsel; Diane Davidson, General Legal Counsel.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of a request received pursuant to Standing Order 106 (3) concerning the leak of committee reports prior to tabling in the House.

Robert Marleau, Diane Davidson and Rob Walsh made statements and answered questions.

At 12:41 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 49

Tuesday, February 16, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of a request concerning the leak of committee reports prior to tabling in the House

WITNESS:

House of Commons:

Bill Graham, Lib., Member from *Toronto Centre—Rosedale*.

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Meeting No. 49

Tuesday, February 16, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:17 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Roy Bailey, George S. Baker, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Joe Fontana, Gar Knutson, Lynn Myers, John Richardson, John Solomon and Chuck Strahl.

Other Members present: Derek Lee, Jean-Guy Chrétien.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witness: From the House of Commons: Bill Graham, M.P., Chair, Liaison Committee.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of a request received pursuant to Standing Order 106 (3) concerning the leak of committee reports prior to tabling in the House (see Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, February 11, 1999, Meeting no. 48).

Bill Graham made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:44 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 50

Thursday, February 18, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of a request received pursuant to Standing Order 106 (3) concerning the leak of committee reports prior to tabling in the House of Commons

WITNESSES:

Canadian Parliamentary Press Gallery:

Jules Richer, President.

As Individual:

Douglas Fisher.

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Meeting No. 50

Thursday, February 18, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Roy Bailey, George S. Baker, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Joe Fontana, Lynn Myers, John Richardson, John Solomon, Chuck Strahl and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Parliamentary Press Gallery: Jules Richer, President; *As Individual:* Douglas Fisher.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of a request received pursuant to Standing Order 106 (3) concerning the leak of committee reports prior to tabling in the House (see Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, February 11, 1999, Meeting no. 48).

Jules Richer made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:29 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:31 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Doug Fisher made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 51

Thursday, March 4, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of a request received pursuant to Standing Order 106 (3) concerning the leak of committee reports prior to tabling in the House of Commons

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Derek Lee, Lib., member from *Scarborough—Rouge River*.

As Individual:

Joseph Maingot.

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Meeting No. 51

Thursday, March 4, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, George Baker, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, Lynn Myers, John Richardson, John Solomon, Chuck Strahl and Randy White.

Acting Member present: Wayne Easter for Joe Fontana.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: Derek Lee, MP for Scarborough--Rouge River; *As Individual:* J.P. Joseph Maingot, Former Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel - House of Commons, and Author of "Parliamentary Privilege in Canada".

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of a request received pursuant to Standing Order 106 (3) concerning the leak of committee reports prior to tabling in the House (*see Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, February 11, 1999, Meeting no. 48*).

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That the Committee discuss the Fourth Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure prior to hearing the witnesses on the Order of the Day.

The Chair circulated copies of the Fourth Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure which reads as follows:

FOURTH REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON

AGENDA AND PROCEDURE

OF THE

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Your Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure met *in camera* at 11:18 a.m. on Tuesday, March 2, 1999 in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, M.P., presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, André Harvey and Chuck Strahl.

Acting Member present: Lorne Nystrom for John Solomon.

Also in attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Your Sub-Committee proceeded to the consideration of the Committee's future business and agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. That the Committee commence its examination of the Questions of Privilege of February 17, 1999: *that the matter of the molestation of the honorable Member for Saskatoon - Humboldt earlier this day be referred to the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs* and, the Question of Privilege of February 18, 1999: *That the incident of February 17, 1999, relating to picket lines established to impede access to the Precincts of Parliament be referred to the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs* as quickly as possible.
2. That the Chair be authorized to schedule witnesses for this study and, that the Chair be authorized to call meetings on Wednesday afternoons, if necessary.
3. That Diane Davidson, General Legal Counsel for the House of Commons, be called as the first witness to testify on the questions of privilege.
4. That other witnesses to be called include the following: Jim Pankiw, MP (Saskatoon - Humboldt); John Reynolds, MP (West Vancouver - Sunshine Coast); Daryl Bean, President of the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC); Maj.Gen. Gus Clouthier, Sergeant-At-Arms, House of Commons and Joseph Maingot, former Parliamentary Law Clerk.
5. That the Committee plan to report its findings and recommendations to the House before the Easter Recess.
6. That the Committee meet to issue drafting instructions to the researcher concerning the draft report on the Leaks of Committee Reports immediately following its public meeting on Thursday, March 4, 1999 with a view to reporting to the House at the earliest opportunity.
7. That the Clerk be authorized to order a working lunch for the Committee meeting on Thursday, March 4, 1999.
8. That the Committee schedule a meeting for Monday, March 8, 1999, at 11:00 am, if necessary, to complete its drafting instructions for a report on the leaks of Committee Reports.
9. That the Committee agree to hold an informal meeting/reception for the members of the Select Committee on Broadcasting, House of Commons, United Kingdom, on Wednesday, March 17, 1999 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and, that the Clerk in consultation with the Chair be authorized to order light refreshments for this event.
10. That a working luncheon be held on Wednesday, March 3, 1999 for the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business to be paid from the Committee's budget for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1999.

At 11:56 a.m. the meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Adams, M.P.

Chair

On motion of John Richardson, it was agreed, - That the Fourth Report from the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure be adopted.

The Committee commenced consideration of its Order of the Day.

Joseph Maingot made a statement and answered questions.

Derek Lee made a statement and answered questions.

It was agreed, on division, - That the Committee suspend and re-convene in camera to issue drafting instructions to the researcher for the report on leaks of committee reports.

At 12:29 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:42 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee discussed its drafting instructions for the researcher.

At 1:39 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 52

Tuesday, March 9, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Report in relation to the matter of the molestation of Mr. Jim Pankiw, (Saskatoon—Humboldt), and in relation to picket lines established to impede access to the Precincts of Parliament

WITNESS:

House of Commons:

Diane Davidson, General Legal Counsel, Legal Services.

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Meeting No. 52

Tuesday, March 9, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Roy Bailey, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Joe Fontana, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Lynn Myers, John Richardson, Chuck Strahl and Randy White.

Acting Member present: Lorne Nystrom for John Solomon.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witness: From the House of Commons: Diane Davidson, General Legal Counsel.

Orders of Reference from the House of Commons dated Wednesday, February 17, 1999 and Thursday, February 18, 1999 in relation to the matter of the molestation of Mr. Pankiw (Saskatoon - Humboldt), and in relation to picket lines established to impede access to the Precincts of Parliament

At 11:10 a.m., by unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That the Committee permit Lynn Myers to table the Third Report of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business.

Accordingly, Lynn Myers tabled the Third Report of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business and made a short statement.

At 11:13 a.m., the Committee commenced consideration of its Orders of the day.

Diane Davidson made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chairman: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 53

Wednesday, March 10, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Report in relation to the matter of the molestation of Mr. Jim Pankiw, Ref. (Saskatoon—Humboldt), and in relation to picket lines established to impede access to the Precincts of Parliament

WITNESS:

As Individual:

Joseph Maingot.

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Meeting No. 53

Wednesday, March 10, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 3:43 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, George Baker, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Joe Fontana and John Solomon.

Acting Members present: Gurmant Grewal for Randy White; John Harvard for John Richardson.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witness: As Individual: J.P. Joseph Maingot, Former Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel - House of Commons, and Author of "Parliamentary Privilege in Canada".

Orders of Reference from the House of Commons dated Wednesday, February 17, 1999 and Thursday, February 18, 1999 in relation to the matter of the molestation of Mr. Pankiw (Saskatoon - Humboldt), and in relation to picket lines established to impede access to the Precincts of Parliament (*see Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday, March 9, 1999, Meeting no. 52*).

By unanimous consent, it was agreed - That the Committee permit Stéphane Bergeron to raise a question regarding the status of the Twenty-Second Report of the Committee.

Accordingly, Stéphane Bergeron requested a clarification on the status of the Twenty-Second Report of the Committee.

At 3:50 p.m., the Committee commenced examination of its Order of the Day.

Joseph Maingot made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:53 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chairman: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 54

Thursday, March 11, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000

APPEARING:

Hon. Gilbert Parent, Speaker of the House of Commons

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

G. Cloutier, Major-General , Sergeant-at-Arms;

Luc Desroches, Director General, Financial Services and Human Resources Directorate;

Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House.

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Meeting No. 54

Thursday, March 11, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, George Baker, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Joe Fontana, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, Lynn Myers, John Richardson, John Solomon and Randy White.

Acting Members present: Peter Stouffer for John Solomon from 11:39 a.m.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Appearing: From the House of Commons: The Hon. Gilbert Parent, Speaker of the House of Commons.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House; MGen. G. Cloutier, Sergeant-at-Arms; Luc Desroches, Director General, Financial Services and Human Resources Directorate.

Main Estimates 1999-2000 & Report on Plans and Priorities – House of Commons

The Order of Reference from the House of Commons dated Monday, March 1st, 1999, in relation to the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000, being read as follows:

That Vote 5 under PARLIAMENT be referred to the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs.

The Chair called Vote 5 under PARLIAMENT.

The Hon. Gilbert Parent and Robert Marleau made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That Vote 5 under PARLIAMENT be adopted.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That the Chair report Vote 5 under PARLIAMENT to the House.

At 12:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

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Meeting No. 55

Tuesday, March 16, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Report in relation to the matter of the molestation of Mr. Jim Pankiw, (Saskatoon—Humboldt), and in relation to picket lines established to impede access to the Precincts of Parliament

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

John Pankiw, Ref., Member from *Saskatoon—Humbolt*;

John Reynolds, Ref., Member from *West-Vancouver—Sunshine Coast*.

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Meeting No. 55

Tuesday, March 16, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, George Baker, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Joe Fontana, Bob Kilger, Lynn Myers, John Richardson, John Solomon and Chuck Strahl.

Acting Members present: Gurmant Grewal for Randy White; Garry Breitkreuz for Roy Bailey.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: Jim Pankiw, MP for Saskatoon--Humboldt; John Reynolds, MP for West Vancouver--Sunshine Coast.

Orders of Reference from the House of Commons dated Wednesday, February 17, 1999 and Thursday, February 18, 1999 in relation to the matter of the molestation of Mr. Pankiw (Saskatoon - Humboldt), and in relation to picket lines established to impede access to the Precincts of Parliament.

Administrative Business of the Committee

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That the Committee discuss its administrative matters prior to commencing its examination of the Order of the Day.

Accordingly, the Committee proceeded to a discussion of its administrative matters.

On motion of Joe Fontana, it was agreed, - That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, be authorized to order food for a working meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 17, 1999.

Pursuant to the Orders of Reference from the House of Commons of February 17 and 18, 1999

At 11:16 a.m., the Committee commenced its examination of the Order of the Day.

Jim Pankiw and John Reynolds made statements and answered questions.

At 12:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chairman: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 56

Wednesday, March 17, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Report in relation to the matter of the molestation of Mr. Jim Pankiw, Ref. (Saskatoon—Humboldt), and in relation to picket lines established to impede access to the Precincts of Parliament

WITNESSES:

Public Service Alliance of Canada:

Stephen Jelly, Executive Assistant to the Alliance Executive Committee;

Nycole Turmel, National Executive Vice-President.

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Meeting No. 56

Wednesday, March 17, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 12:29 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, George Baker, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Joe Fontana, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Lynn Myers, John Richardson, John Solomon and Chuck Strahl.

Acting Member present: Gurmant Grewal for Roy Bailey.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Public Service Alliance of Canada: Nycole Turmel, National Executive Vice-President; Stephen Jelly, Executive Assistant to the Alliance Executive Committee; Sarah Bélanger, Executive Assistant to the National Executive Vice-President and to the Regional Executive Vice-Presidents.

Orders of Reference from the House of Commons dated Wednesday, February 17, 1999 and Thursday, February 18, 1999 in relation to the matter of the molestation of Mr. Pankiw (Saskatoon - Humboldt), and in relation to picket lines established to impede access to the Precincts of Parliament (*see Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday, March 9, 1999, Meeting no. 52*).

Nycole Turmel made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

On motion of John Solomon, it was agreed, - That the Committee append to this day's Minutes of Proceedings, the written presentation of the Public Service Alliance of Canada concerning the two Questions of Privilege referred by the House on February 17 and 18, 1999 as Appendix PRHA-01.

At 2:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

APPENDIX PRHA-01

SUBMISSION TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS
ON PARLIAMENTARY
PRIVILEGE
BY THE
PUBLIC SERVICE ALLIANCE OF CANADA
MARCH 1999

Introduction

1. There are three fundamental questions being addressed by your Committee, namely:
 - Did one or all of: the Public Service Alliance of Canada; PSAC National President Daryl Bean; and, individual members or staff of the PSAC, obstruct or molest one or more Members of Parliament by denying access to the parliamentary precincts, and by so doing commit a contempt of Parliament ?
 - Is the definition of parliamentary privilege broad enough in the context of modern society ?
 - What balance should be struck between the fundamental right to strike and parliamentary privilege ?
2. Each of these questions is addressed in detail in subsequent sections of this submission. For the purpose of this introduction, a few general observations are in order.
3. While your Committee clearly has the authority to find the Alliance, its National President or individual members and/or staff in contempt of Parliament and recommend remedies and disciplinary measures, the process being followed denies the Alliance fundamental justice. While the House of Commons, on your recommendation, has the power to imprison members and/or staff of the PSAC and hold the PSAC in contempt of Parliament for the actions that allegedly occurred on February 17, 1999, we do not have the right to properly defend against the charges.
 - We have not been formally notified of the charges against us.
 - We have not been afforded the opportunity to cross examine any witnesses that you have called or are likely to call in the future.
 - We have not been granted an opportunity to depose witnesses.
 - We do not know whether we need to meet the criminal test of "beyond a reasonable doubt" or the civil test of "the balance of probabilities" in order to defend against the allegations that have been leveled at us.
 - We have no knowledge that you or any officer of the House of Commons has interviewed witnesses, including the Members of the House who claim that they were or were not impeded on February 17, 1999 and the police as well as our picket captains who were on site.
4. It needs to be underscored that all of these restrictions, and more, are contrary to the Charter and the Bill of Rights, both of which provide elements of the frame work for a fair trial and include the presumption of innocence and the right to be informed of specific offences.
5. In short, we have been summoned to appear before a House of Commons Committee that is acting as a court, without providing the Alliance with an opportunity to defend against the charges. But the court is one where you act as judge, jury and prosecutor. In this environment, one can only hope that one or more Committee members at least ask the questions or raise the concerns that would normally be the prerogative of the defence.

6. On February 22, 1999, PSAC National President Daryl Bean wrote to the Committee Clerk and requested an "opportunity to appear before the Committee to present testimony and lead witnesses". In a reply dated March 8, 1999, the Clerk of the Committee invited the PSAC to appear before the Committee during a session that is scheduled to last for an hour and fifteen minutes - which is clearly insufficient time for us to fully respond to the allegations.
7. Not only has the Committee consciously failed to notify the PSAC of the charges against us, but it is operating in a way that denies us an opportunity to defend ourselves. In an oblique and entirely inappropriate response to our request that we be granted an opportunity to "present testimony and lead witnesses", the Committee Clerk wrote:

"I believe that you are familiar with how parliamentary committees operate. As you are aware, witnesses are invited to appear to present their views, opinions or expertise in particular matters, and are then questioned by the members of the committee. Only members are entitled to put questions, and witnesses are not subject to cross-examination by other witnesses.!" (emphasis added)

8. While this way may be an adequate procedure in most instances, it is assuredly not when a Committee is engaged in debate that could result in imprisonment or other punitive sanction against us without a normal trial.
9. While the Alliance will present its side of the story in this forum, we firmly believe that a finding that the Alliance, its National President or one or more of its members and/or staff, obstructed or molested one or more Members of Parliament should be based on a process that does not abrogate the fundamental principles of natural justice.
10. Hence, we are convinced that if you are to continue to examine whether the Alliance was in contempt of Parliament, you should revisit your process and procedures and afford us an opportunity, through counsel, to adequately defend against the serious allegations that have been made against the Alliance, its Officers, members and staff.
11. Your continued deliberations on the second and third questions outlined above are equally problematical from our perspective.
12. The Alliance has been afforded an opportunity to appear before your Committee so as to defend against the allegations that have been leveled against us—albeit in a manner that we believe constitutes a denial of natural justice. Given that we have been granted an opportunity to appear, we will address questions revolving around the scope of the definition of parliamentary privilege, and whether it should be expanded in the context of modern society, and the appropriate balance that should be struck between the fundamental right of the right to strike and parliamentary privilege.
13. But these are questions that should not be addressed, let alone answered, in the charged environment that exists by virtue of the allegations that have been leveled against the Alliance, its Officers, members and staff.
14. Moreover, these are questions that require a broader public debate than that which is possible in the context of the abridged hearing process that your Committee has undertaken.
15. While your Committee has called witnesses and heard testimony from people presumably expert in the history, evolution and application of parliamentary privilege, their understanding of labour law, and the fundamental right of freedom of association as it applies to the right to strike is deficient at best. That this deficiency was articulated before the Committee by the witnesses themselves should surely have been sufficient for you to have expanded your process, and called testimony from witnesses more expert in these areas. If your process more closely mirrored a court proceeding, we can assure you that the Alliance would have challenged the so-called expert testimony in a number of areas.
16. It is also worth noting that conclusions that you may draw from the hearing and in particular "general recommendations and guidance to prevent the occurrence of similar incidents in the future", have an impact, and a substantial one at that, on a number of organizations and institutions in this country that surely have a right to be heard prior to your making recommendations that expand privilege, and thereby further restrict the rights of individuals and organizations in society.
17. In the light of the above, we believe that the process your Committee has embarked upon should be halted.

18. One final comment by way of introduction needs to be made. The language used during parliamentary debate on February 17th and 18th, and during your Committee's deliberations has at best been imprudent. While your Committee has clarified the context that the allegation of "molestation" should be considered in, it has, to date, allowed some equally inflammatory comments to go unchallenged.
19. Words used to describe the events on February 17, 1999 such as "A mob of Hooligans used physical violence and intimidation to stop me"; "The thugs who assaulted me today"; "Intimidation"; "forcibly blocked basically, you don't go in there" suggest to us that many Members of Parliament have become far too comfortable with immunity they enjoy regarding speech in the House.

Did the PSAC molest or obstruct one or more Members of Parliament on February 17, 1999 ?

Introduction

20. In the introduction to this submission, we defined the question that is before your Committee with regard to the allegation that the PSAC violated the privilege of one or more Members of Parliament in the following way:

"Did one or all of: the Public Service Alliance of Canada; PSAC National President Daryl Bean; and, individual members or staff of the PSAC, obstruct or molest one or more Members of Parliament by denying access to the parliamentary precincts, and by so doing commit a contempt of Parliament ?"
21. For the record, we should like to make it clear that members of the PSAC who were and are still on strike against their employer, the government of Canada, did in fact picket in front of buildings that are generally considered to be within the precincts of Parliament on February 17, 1999.
22. It is a fact, as well, that the picket lines in question were attended by members of the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Service, and that the police took no action against the striking PSAC members because, we assume, no law was violated in the opinion of the on-site police officers. One can assume that if an assault occurred as alleged by the Member for Saskatoon—Humboldt, charges would surely have been laid, and the PSAC members involved would have subsequently had an opportunity to defend themselves in a Court proceeding.
23. It is also a fact that while PSAC National President, Daryl Bean, had no direct knowledge that PSAC members who were and are on strike against the government of Canada would picket what are generally understood to be precincts of the House of Commons on February 17, 1999, the fact that the picket line was to be established was known to the official PSAC strike structure. As a result, your Committee can conclude that the picket line was officially sanctioned by the Alliance and its National President.
24. It is a fact, as well, that different MPs have reported various experiences on the same picket line. Hence, while one member claims that he was assaulted, other members have advised the House that they had absolutely no trouble when confronted with the picket line and, having identified themselves and engaged in conversation with some of the picketers or picket captains, either crossed the picket line or not as a matter of their own choice.
25. We would also, for the record, like to challenge some of the statements and observations that have been presented to your Committee either as fact, or as background designed to enlighten Committee members with regard to picketing on Parliament Hill—broadly defined.
26. First, the February 17, 1999 picket line was not an information picket line. On the contrary, the picket lines were set up outside of buildings where PSAC members who work for the federal government are in a legal strike position, and were actually on strike.
27. Second, the February 17, 1999 picket line was not a secondary picket line as has been suggested to your Committee by both Committee members and at least one of your so-called expert witnesses.
28. During her testimony on March 9, 1999, Ms Diane Davidson (General Legal Counsel, Legal

Services, House of Commons) provided the Committee with her opinion that:

"The House of Commons, as a separate employer, is not a part of the dispute between PSAC and the government of Canada in relation to its employees. The House is a separate employer and the terms and conditions of employment and dispute have nothing to do with the House."

29. In other words, the House of Commons General Legal Counsel argued that the House was not involved in the dispute, and that the picket line established on February 17th was a secondary picket line which she defined as:

"The picketing of a third party not concerned by a dispute between the picketers and their employers. It is usually the picketing of a business unionized or non-unionized which has no labour dispute with the union, but which does business with the primary employer who is engaged in the labour dispute with the union, with the objective of inducing breach of contract or interfering with the second employer."

30. While the Public Service Staff Relations Board identifies Treasury Board as the Employer for the workers involved in the picket line that was established by the Alliance outside of a number of buildings that are generally considered to form part of the precincts of Parliament, the buildings that were picketed do house government workers who were in a legal strike position and who were actually on strike on February 17th. Hence, it is more than a stretch to argue that the picket line was a secondary picket line.
31. One final point with regard to the establishment of picket lines within the precincts of the House of Commons is warranted.
32. During her March 9, 1999 testimony before your Committee, Ms. Davidson stated that:

"Our own employees, parliamentary employees, do not have the right to strike, do not have the right to set up information lines in front of the buildings even so it would seem to be a bit odd that we would allow in the circumstances, other picket lines to be set up. If we have legislated in such a way as to limit our parliamentary employees' rights in that way and have imposed on them binding arbitration in the context of a labour dispute."

33. First, there is absolutely nothing in the Parliamentary Employment and Staff Relations Act that prevents parliamentary employees from establishing information picket lines. Second, while it is true that parliamentary employees do not have the right to strike, it is wrong to conclude that the denial of that right was related to a concern that the House of Commons would be subject to a picket line. As the Alliance understands the reasons why Parliament chose to deny the right to strike to parliamentary employees—and we were directly and intimately involved in the process—it was to ensure that a labour disruption, internal to the House of Commons, did not prevent Parliament from operating. Moreover, whether adequate or not, the quidproquo for the denial of the right to strike was the imposition of binding arbitration that would ensure a conclusion to the bargaining process.
34. It is more than interesting to know, that while the Public Service Staff Relations Act, the Act that governs collective bargaining for the PSAC members who picketed outside of buildings within what are commonly referred to the parliamentary precinct on February 17, 1999, provides a dispute settlement option. The arbitration option was suspended for three years by Parliament in 1996.
35. A further amendment to the PSSRA extending the arbitration suspension for the next round of public service bargaining was announced in the 1999 federal budget, and will be part of legislation that Members of Parliament will be asked to consider in the immediate future.
36. In the light of the above, while Members of Parliament can rhetorically distance themselves from the labour dispute and create the impression that the dispute and the pickets are someone else's problem, and that by extension, they are little more than innocent bystanders, they are no

such thing.

37. Members of your Committee should understand as well that the House of Commons spent years in an attempt to prevent the unionization of Parliament Hill staff, and used "privilege" as the reason to defend its decision to attempt to deny House employees of the fundamental right of association. This assertion of privilege fell on deaf ears when the Canada Labour Relations Board accepted that it had jurisdiction under the Canada Labour Code, ultimately prompting Parliament to pass legislation allowing unionization of parliamentary staff under the Parliamentary Employment and Staff Relations Act.
38. Hence, while bringing the rights of parliamentary employees into the equation may confuse the issues that are before your Committee, the specific legislative regime that applies to parliamentary employees does not offer any useful analogy—as a result, it should be dismissed by your Committee.

Did striking members of the PSAC assault a Member of Parliament and prevent him from carrying out his responsibilities ?

39. While one Member of Parliament has publicly indicated that he was assaulted by members of the PSAC and refused access to his office during the February 17, 1999 picket line, his allegation was not substantiated by the actions of the on-site police officers, or of any of the witnesses to the event that the Alliance has had an opportunity to speak to. Moreover, rather than substantiate the allegation, statements from other Members of Parliament who encountered the very same picket line and reported very different treatment from the Alliance pickets, would tend to support the proposition that the Alliance members on the picket line fully understood that they were required to allow access to Members of Parliament and that they complied with that requirement.
40. Since no PSAC members have been identified as committing an assault on the member, and since no charges have been laid against any PSAC member for assault—or any other criminal charge for that matter—arising out of the February 17, 1999 legal picket line, the PSAC takes it as a given that no assault took place, and would urge your Committee to reach the same conclusion.
41. As for the allegation that the same Member of Parliament was denied access to his office, we can only speculate— which is the best that we can do because we have not been given a summary of the charges against us or the evidence in support of them.
42. Having talked to the police and all the PSAC picket captains that were on-site during the picket line, we have concluded that no Member of Parliament was intentionally denied access to his or her office, and that the very different decisions of individual Members of Parliament to cross or not cross our picket line was respected at all times. That said, while Members of Parliament enjoy a right of unrestricted access to the picketed premises that is not extended to other people, they must surely identify themselves before that right can be exercised. We suspect that the member who has made the allegation that his right of access was infringed failed to make it clear to the striking PSAC members or the police that he was in fact a Member of Parliament.
43. Another possible explanation that your Committee must consider if it is to proceed with its deliberations is that the Member attempted to provoke a confrontation when he encountered the picket line. During its deliberations, your Committee has heard that "a picket line triggers in its citizens an almost universal and automatic response not to cross it".
44. While it is true that some people refuse to cross a picket line as a matter of principle, and that some people may well walk away out of fear, it is equally true that a segment of the population will endeavour to cross a picket line no matter what. While people who cross picket lines out of a distorted sense of principle are likely to be a minority within society, it is almost a universal phenomenon that occurs whenever a picket line is established. While we have no statistical evidence to support this speculation, it is likely that a body of the size of the House of Commons with the diversity of political views that are currently represented in the House would have at least one member who would cross a picket line out of principle in an attempt to frustrate the legitimate aspirations of the striking workers.
45. In our opinion, the allegation that a Member of Parliament was denied access to his office cannot be proven on the basis of the factual record. As a result, the conclusions that you draw

must go to the credibility of the Member making the allegation as opposed to the credibility of the PSAC picket captains, the police and other Members who have claimed that they were not impeded or denied entry. That being the case, we believe that the motivation of the Member and his views on picket lines in general as opposed to the specific picket line that the PSAC established on February 17th is germane to your deliberations.

Were Members of Parliament impeded by the police, or indirectly impeded by the PSAC pickets ?

46. While it has been asserted that "Members of Parliament who were turned back from entering buildings by the police who said 'You should not enter here' ", we are not in a position to respond directly to this allegation, and believe that the Committee should address the question directly with representatives of the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Service. That said, we would say again, that it was surely the responsibility of Members of Parliament to advise either the police or the PSAC picket captains that they were Members and that they have a right to unimpeded access to their office.
47. It has also been alleged that the picket line impeded members' access because "the busses that trip people around here would not cross access picket lines on the road".
48. Since the busses transport people other than Members of Parliament, one could expect that the PSAC pickets would attempt to delay the busses until such time that it was clear that the busses only contained Members who have an unrestricted right to access their offices even in the context of a legal picket line. While this may well have resulted in some inconvenience for some Members of Parliament, it can surely not be construed as contempt of Parliament.
49. This goes directly to the question that has been addressed before your Committee as to what violates privilege. Is the delay that would occur before the picket captain ascertains that the person claiming privilege actually enjoys that privilege sufficient to constitute contempt? We think not, particularly in light of the Speaker's ruling in 1970 that there was no breach of privilege since Members were not denied access but only delayed.

Is the definition of parliamentary privilege broad enough in the context of modern society ?

50. The second question that your Committee has under consideration is whether the definition of the precincts of Parliament should be expanded, and whether parliamentary privilege should be extended to cover people employed to work for Members of Parliament.
51. As we said in the introduction to this submission, we do not believe that general questions with regard to privilege should be addressed in the charged environment that exists as a result of the allegations that have been leveled against the PSAC. That said, should the Committee continue along this path, the PSAC would answer no to both of the questions outlined above, and will in fact argue that the existing privilege is archaic and should be substantially eroded.
52. It is beyond question that the precincts of Parliament have expanded into areas where members of Parliament are co-located with other organizations. This co-location has and will continue to result in situations where Members of Parliament confront picket lines that may inconvenience them. But, and it's a big but, this inconvenience is no greater than that which a Member of Parliament would face during any labour dispute that occurred outside of the precincts of Parliament.
53. Given the fact that some parliamentary offices are currently located away from Parliament Hill, the question has been raised as to whether the police and security arrangements should be revisited. Again we would answer in the negative.
54. The notion that privilege should be extended to the staff of Members of Parliament is equally appalling. When the questions of privilege were first raised in the House of Commons on February 17, 1999, a Member argued that "I was unable to go about my work because my staff was denied access to my office. Not allowing my staff to accompany me is a very serious infringement on my privileges". In her March 9, 1999 presentation to the Committee, Ms Davidson stated that the Committee has "to determine if the right to unimpeded access to the House extends not only to Members and Officers of the House but also to any other person who has business with the House, including staff of Members."

55. In testimony before the Committee, Mr J. P. Joseph Maingot (Former Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel - House of Commons) addressed this issue and concluded that privilege extends "historically its Members and Officers of the House". Subsequently in response to a question, Mr. Maingot made it clear that in his view privilege does not extend to the staff of Members when he said "you Members need the staff, but Parliament itself, the House doesn't need for purposes of privilege".
56. As we have said elsewhere in this submission, parliamentary privilege conflicts with fundamental rights that Canadians enjoy. While a case may be made for maintaining privilege, it is beyond question in our view that privilege should be extended beyond the Members and Officers of Parliament.
57. We would go further in fact and argue that parliamentary privilege should be curtailed because it - as the allegations against the PSAC show - can lead to, and in this case has led to, an unconscionable departure from the concepts of procedural fairness and natural justice. In a very real sense, the Alliance, its Officers, staff and members have been made defendants in your proceeding and yet no precise identification has been made as to who, if anyone, actually breached parliamentary privilege and/or committed a contempt against Parliament.
58. It is also worth noting that the definition of parliamentary privilege and contempt of Parliament are quite broad and are interpreted by the House of Commons - and thus are determined politically rather than legally.
59. That being the case, while the House can, in our opinion, regulate its internal affairs without interference from the courts, it should not and does not enjoy that same right when it comes to activities outside proceedings of the legislature. This is particularly the case, where the liberty of an individual(s) is or could be compromised by the exercise of parliamentary privilege. In other words, while it is probably appropriate for the House to continue its centuries' old practice of disciplining its own Members through the exercise of privilege, it should not in today's society have the ability to initiate internal proceedings against individuals and organizations other than through the courts. This is particularly the case in the context of the Charter.
60. Moreover, the House of Commons has at least the same rights as any other organization, and it could if the circumstances of the February 17th, 1999 picket line or any other warrant, attempt to secure an injunction either preventing or limiting picket line activity.

The Impact of the Charter on these Proceedings

61. During your deliberations to date, little comment has been advanced with regard to the Charter. In fact the only substantive comment came from Ms Davidson who stated that "peaceful picketing contains an element of expression protected by section 2 (b) of the Charter".
62. While the effect of the Charter on the penal jurisdiction of Parliament is untested, it is our contention that privilege is not exempt from the Charter since all constitutional power is subject to review with regard to the exercise of that power. As a result, and as we have already said, the exercise of parliamentary privilege should not deny us our constitutional right to a fair trial.

What balance should be struck between the fundamental right to strike and parliamentary privilege ?

63. The third question that we believe your Committee should address is the balance that should be struck between the fundamental right to strike and parliamentary privilege. While this question has been addressed by some members of your Committee, much of what has been said has been clouded by a misunderstanding of labour law in Canada.
64. Despite this, it would appear that many members of your Committee have a fundamental understanding that parliamentary privilege can conflict with rights including free speech and freedom of association. As a result, they appear to be concerned that the exercise of privilege not result in other rights being trampled.
65. In light of these observations, the Alliance should like to provide your Committee with a more

- substantial appreciation of labour law and how we see parliamentary privilege infringing the rights of all PSAC members and indeed all Canadian workers.
66. Before doing so, however, we should put the picket line that was established by the Alliance on February 17th, 1999 into proper context.
 67. Our understanding of some of the testimony that has been advanced during Committee deliberation indicates that some Committee members and witnesses are confused as to the nature of the picket line that was established and the role that picket lines serve in labour disputes.
 68. In testimony before your Committee, Ms Davidson said that "it is important for the Committee to determine if the strikers were otherwise exercising a legal right in the context of the labour dispute". The incontrovertible answer to this question is yes. Having fulfilled our obligations under the Public Service Staff Relations Act, the Alliance was in a legal strike position on December 15th, 1998 and exercised that right on January 18, 1999. This fact, coupled with the fact that the Alliance membership that was in a legal strike position on February 17th, included PSAC members who work in the buildings under what are commonly referred to as the parliamentary precinct, should be sufficient to indicate to your Committee that the picket lines were both legal and primary.
 69. Hence, unless otherwise instructed by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Alliance believes and maintains that it had a legal right to picket the buildings in question. While this runs counter to some of the opinion that has been imparted to your Committee by Ms Davidson and others, it has been supported by the Speaker who, according to Mr Maingot's testimony before your Committee, concluded that the impact of a 1980 strike by Translators was not a breach of privilege because it was a legal strike. Mr Maingot went on to say that:

"In this case here the interference was not improper because it was legal. They were on a legal strike. So, that was the position of the speaker at that particular time. So similarly, in this case here, the members of the Public Service Alliance of Canada who were doing the picketing—I don't know whether they were on legal strike or not, that's something that you have to consider and whether it makes a difference."

70. Once it is established, as it should be, that the PSAC strike is legal and that it was appropriate for the members of the PSAC to picket buildings that are generally considered to be within the precinct of Parliament, members of the Committee need to know, that the purpose of a picket line is more than a vehicle to provide information—or to inform people to use the word of one Committee member.
71. A picket line is the vehicle that is legally used by workers who are engaged in strike activity to inconvenience and put as much economic pressure as is possible on the employer. The right of a union to engage in picket line activity for the purposes of disrupting the work location, is an integral, and lawful, part of the collective bargaining process in Canada. That does not mean to use another Committee members' words, that a picket line is an intimidation tactic. But it is clear that the purpose is to disrupt the employer who is being struck.
72. In light of the above, the PSAC believes that it will be difficult to strike a more encompassing balance than already exists between parliamentary privilege and the rights of workers to strike and picket outside of buildings within the precinct of Parliament. Nor, in our view, is there any reason to do so.
73. As we have said elsewhere in this submission, one would have expected the on-site police to have intervened in the event that members of the Alliance involved in the February 17, 1999 picket line had actually assaulted a Member of the House—or indeed any other person. Since no such intervention was forthcoming despite a fairly heavy police presence, we are left to conclude that no assault or other criminal activity happened on February 17, 1999.
74. Moreover, if there was evidence that the picket line was violent, the House of Commons could have pursued legal action in an attempt to obtain an injunction that either prevented picketing or limited picket line activity—e.g. limit the number of pickets or the location of picket lines, that the House took no action indicates that it either did not believe that a significant problem existed or, in the alternative, that it could not meet the test that the courts determine before

granting injunctions.

75. In the light of the above, the PSAC believes that your Committee should resist the temptation to expand the privilege afforded to Members of Parliament or establish some form of guidelines that attempt to prevent picket lines from being established outside buildings that are part of what are commonly referred to as parliamentary precincts.

Conclusion

76. The PSAC was surprised to learn on February 17th, 1999 that a legal picket line established by our members outside of buildings that co-housed some of our members who were in a legal strike position and Members of Parliament could lead to such an exaggerated proceeding as the one currently underway.
77. It is beyond our comprehension that a picket line that resulted in no intervention by the police, no charges against our members and no application for an injunction by the House of Commons, could result in an allegation that one or more of the Alliance, its Officers, members and staff, violated the privilege of a Member of Parliament and could result in our being found in contempt of Parliament and subject to sanction, including incarceration.
78. The origin of parliamentary privilege is so ancient, and its potential impact on citizens so great – as the current allegations against the PSAC show – that at the very least Members of Parliament have an affirmative obligation, apart from being consistent with the Charter, to make very clear what the rules of the procedure are.
79. It is equally difficult for us to comprehend that Members of Parliament would use the situation that developed on February 17th, to initiate a parliamentary discussion about the need to expand and extend privilege, particularly in the context of the Charter and the Bill of Rights.
80. In our view, the parliamentary process that has been initiated as a result of the actions of February 17th, should indicate to all fair-minded Canadians—including, we hope the majority of Members of Parliament, that the exercise of parliamentary privilege should be restricted.
81. We take this position for two reasons. First, the House has other avenues open to it—particularly the courts, and second the House process is, at best, a denial of natural justice.
82. To be clear, while many of the questions that your Committee is considering are legal, and the consequences for the PSAC and others could be incarceration, the process is inherently political.
83. As a result, once again, we would urge your Committee and the House to halt this process as it relates to the specific allegations against the PSAC, its Officers, members and staff, and as it relates to an expansion of privilege.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
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PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chairman: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 57

Thursday, March 18, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study in relation to the matter of the molestation of Mr. Pankiw (Saskatoon—Humboldt), and in relation to picket lines established to impede access to the Precincts of Parliament

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

G. Cloutier, Major-General, Sergeant-at-Arms;

Michel Thivierge, Director of Security Services.

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Meeting No. 57

Thursday, March 18, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:17 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, George Baker, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Joe Fontana, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Lynn Myers, John Richardson and Chuck Strahl.

Acting Members present: Mark Assad for Marlene Catterall; Lorne Nystrom for John Solomon.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: MGen. G. Cloutier, Sergeant-at-Arms; Michel Thivierge, Director, Security Services.

Orders of Reference from the House of Commons dated Wednesday, February 17, 1999 and Thursday, February 18, 1999 in relation to the matter of the molestation of Mr. Pankiw (Saskatoon - Humboldt), and in relation to picket lines established to impede access to the Precincts of Parliament. (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday, March 9, 1999, Meeting No. 52.*)

MGen. Cloutier and Michel Thivierge made statements and answered questions.

It was agreed, - That the Committee meet *in camera* on Tuesday, March 23, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. to consider an appropriate course of action with respect to the Questions of Privilege.

At 12:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 58

Tuesday, March 23, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Roy Bailey, George S. Baker, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Joe Fontana, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, Lynn Myers, John Richardson, John Solomon and Chuck Strahl.

Acting Members present: Colleen Beaumier for Yvon Charbonneau; Derek Lee for Gar Kutson; Mac Harb for Lynn Myers.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Orders of Reference from the House of Commons dated Wednesday, February 17, 1999 and Thursday, February 18, 1999 in relation to the matter of the molestation of Mr. Pankiw (Saskatoon - Humboldt), and in relation to picket lines established to impede access to the Precincts of Parliament. (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday, March 9, 1999, Meeting No. 52.*)

The Committee considered appropriate action on the two questions of privilege.

The Committee discussed drafting instructions to assist the research staff in drafting a report on the two questions of privilege referred to the Committee on February 17 and 18, 1999.

At 12:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 59

Thursday, March 25, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:39 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, George S. Baker, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Joe Fontana, Lynn Myers, John Richardson and John Solomon.

Acting Members present: John O'Reilly for Bob Kilger; Rey Pagtakhan for Gar Knutson.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Orders of Reference from the House of Commons dated Wednesday, February 17, 1999 and Thursday, February 18, 1999 in relation to the matter of the molestation of Mr. Pankiw (Saskatoon - Humboldt), and in relation to picket lines established to impede access to the Precincts of Parliament.

Committee's mandate pursuant to Standing Orders 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv) in relation to Private Members' Business

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That the Committee consider the Report of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business prior to proceeding to consideration of its draft report.

Lynn Myers presented the Report of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business.

And debate arising thereon.

It was agreed, - That the Report from the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

At 11:52 a.m., the Committee proceeded to consideration of the draft report on the questions of privilege as referred by the House of Commons dated February 17 and February 18, 1999 in relation to picket lines established to impede access to the Precincts of Parliament.

At 12:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 60

Tuesday, April 13, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Roy Bailey, Stéphane Bergeron, Yvon Charbonneau, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Joe Fontana, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Lynn Myers, John Richardson, John Solomon, Chuck Strahl and Randy White.

Acting Members present: Raymond Bonin for Marlene Catterall; Rey Pagtakhan for Joe Fontana; Hec Clouthier for George Baker; Grant McNally for Roy Bailey.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Orders of Reference from the House of Commons dated Wednesday, February 17, 1999 and Thursday, February 18, 1999 in relation to the matter of the molestation of Mr. Pankiw (Saskatoon - Humboldt), and in relation to picket lines established to impede access to the Precincts of Parliament.

Prior to commencing examination of its Order of the Day, the Committee suspended for one minute's silence in memory of Jacques Girard, the Chief Electoral Officer of Quebec and the former Legal Counsel for Elections Canada.

At 11:10 a.m. the Committee resumed consideration of its draft report.

At 11:54 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:56 a.m., the sitting resumed.

It was agreed, - That the draft report, as amended, be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

It was agreed, - That the additional documentation provided by Diane Davidson, General Legal Counsel of the House of Commons, be appended to this day's Minutes of Proceedings as Appendix PRHA-02.

At 12:26 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

APPENDIX PRHA-02

INFORMATION NOTE OF THE LEGAL COUNSEL OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

SUBJECT :	P.S.A.C., PICKETING ON OR ABOUT PARLIAMENT HILL
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PURPOSE

Further to my presentation to the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs on March 9, 1999, and to the presentation made by P.S.A.C., I wish to provide the committee with the following clarification.

BACKGROUND

On February 17, 1999, while on a legal strike against their employer the Treasury Board, members of the Public Service Alliance of Canada picketed the Wellington Building and allegedly impeded access to Parliament Hill. In doing so they purportedly prevented Members of the House of Commons, staff of the House and others from entering the buildings.

These actions of the members of the Alliance have given rise to a number of inter-related legal issues involving Parliamentary Privilege, administrative law, and labour law. In the course of committee meetings of Members to resolve issues of privilege, a number of labour law questions surrounding picketing have arisen. This memorandum attempts to address some of the labour law issues, within the larger context.

In reading this memorandum, the following facts should be remembered:

The employees of the House of Commons are not employees of the Treasury Board, rather they are employees of the House of Commons and their labour relations are covered by the *Parliamentary Employment and Staff Relations Act*;

The picketing employees are employed by the Treasury Board;

The picketing employees are covered by the *Public Service Staff Relations Act*;

The Alliance is in a legal strike position under that Act; and, because the physical plant of the Parliament Buildings is the responsibility of the federal Department of Public Works and Government Services, there are a number of employees of that department who work in the Parliamentary building the physical plant. These are employees of the Treasury Board and are "on strike".

WHO IS THE EMPLOYER?

Since the issues of picketing are rooted in the employee-employer relationship, it is important to understand who employs what employees.

Employees of the federal government are employed by Her Majesty through appointment to various positions primarily under the *Public Service Employment Act*. Their terms and conditions of employment are set by the Treasury Board¹ and their labour relations are governed by the *Public Service Staff Relations Act*. This last act allows Public Servants to strike, and regulates certain aspects of the strike. It is silent regarding picketing.

Employees of the House of Commons are not Public Servants. They are not employed by the government. They are employed directly by the House. The unique nature of these employees was recognized by the Federal Court in the mid-1980's when attempts were made to unionize employees of the House of Commons².

Following this Federal Court decision the *Parliamentary Employment and Staff Relations Act* was enacted which allows for a separate labour relations regime for employees of the House. This Act contains a number of significant provisions: the status of the House as employer is confirmed³; collective bargaining impasses are to be resolved by arbitration⁴; employees are prohibited from striking⁵; and, no employee organization shall authorize a strike the effect of which is or would be to involve employees of the House in a strike⁶.

In short, the employees on strike have a different employer from those of the House, their labour relations are governed by a different statute, and they have significantly different rights regarding the ability to strike.

ISSUE

Given this dichotomy, how should one view the actions, which occurred February 17, 1999 from a labour law perspective?

STRIKING VERSUS PICKETING

First a distinction must be made between striking and picketing. They are not synonymous. The right to strike does not necessarily include the right to unrestricted picketing. While intertwined, the law views each differently.

In both the *Public Service Staff Relations Act* and the *Parliamentary Employment and Staff Relations Act* the term strike is defined as:

"Strike"

includes a cessation of work or a refusal to work or to continue to work or to continue to work by employees, in combination, in concert or in accordance with a common understanding, and a slow down of work or other concerted activity on the part of employees that is designed to restrict or limit output.

Unlike some provincial labour statutes, there are no provisions in either of these statutes, which defines, allows, or limits picketing in the case of strikes. As a result, it is my opinion that the restrictions on picketing would be determined in accordance with the common law; and, because of the public nature of the employers involved, perhaps the *Charter*.

That there is a connection between striking and picketing, however, cannot be denied. The Supreme Court has stated⁷:

Picketing is a crucial form of collective action in the arena of labour relations. A picket line is designed to publicize the labour dispute in which the striking workers are embroiled and to mount a show of solidarity of the workers to their goal. It is an essential component of a labour relations regime founded on the right to bargain collectively and to take collective action. It represents a highly important and now constitutionally recognized form of expression in all contemporary labour disputes. All of that is beyond

dispute. In *Harrison v. Carswell*, [1976] 2 S.C.R. 200, a majority of this Court stated at p. 219:

Society has long since acknowledged that a public interest is served by permitting union members to bring economic pressure to bear upon their respective employers through peaceful picketing, but the right has been exercisable in some locations and not in others...

RESTRICTIONS ON PICKETING GENERALLY

Notwithstanding the importance of picketing to a strike, unions may not engage in activity, which is illegal, either criminally or civilly. Generally, picketing has been regulated through the common law torts of trespass, nuisance (interference with the use of property), and protection of people from harm, such as assaults. In addition, where picketing has occurred that involves employees who are not on strike, such as another location of the same employer, or suppliers, with the expectation that others will join the strike, or refuse to work, the courts have also found picketers to have committed the tort of intentional interference with contractual relations. One cannot cause another to breach a contract, in this case either a collective agreement or an employment contract.

In addition, picketing cannot be used in the furtherance of a criminal act.

More recently, and particularly in cases involving governments, or governmental actors, the courts have dealt with the freedom of expression aspects of the *Charter*. Picketing is, in its nature, a form of expression which is constitutionally protected and which is, by virtue of section 1, subject only to reasonable limits. Therefore the application of the general restrictions outlined above will have to be placed in such a constitutional balance.

One situation which is often misunderstood occurs when employees who are not in a legal strike position refuse to cross picket lines. There is no "right" to not cross picket lines. Unless there is a provision in an employee's collective agreement, any action by employees in not crossing picket line, which is seen as acting in concert, combination, or with a common understanding, will constitute an illegal strike. Actions by the picketers which encourage such concerted action will be seen as inducing an illegal strike, and could also be seen as inducing the other employees to breach their contracts.

In the case of the House of Commons there are the added legislated restrictions found in sections 73 and 74 of the *Parliamentary Employment and Staff Relations Act*. These are the provisions which forbid House employees from striking and prohibit acts by employee organizations which have the effect of involving employees in a strike. Encouraging employees to not cross picket lines, or causing them to not be able to could be seen as violations of these sections⁸.

In the case of the Public Service, a similar issue can arise in the case of designated employees. Under the *Public Service Staff Relations Act* certain employees, who are members of the bargaining unit, and may be members of the union, occupy positions which are designated as having duties required to be performed for the safety and security of the public, and therefore prohibited from striking. The performance of these tasks cannot be interfered with by strikers. In an early case, the first chair of the PSSRB wrote:

Provisions of the Act that prohibit designated employees from participating in a strike are therefore the keystone of the collective bargaining process in the federal Public Service and their observance is of the utmost importance if the framework in its present form is to be preserved⁹.

SECONDARY PICKETING

The issue of secondary picketing has been the subject of considerable confusion in the debates before the Committee. The classic situation of secondary picketing occurs when striking employees picket the premises other than that of their employer in an attempt to persuade customers not to do business with the third party because he does business with their employer. An attempt is essentially made to bring economic pressure on the third party so he will bring pressure on the employer. Secondary picketing is illegal and will be prevented by court injunction¹⁰.

In the present situation, the Alliance has taken the position that picketing the various Parliament Buildings is not secondary picketing since there are a small number of employees who work in the Parliament buildings; therefore the argument is that the buildings are a work site of their employer and subject to being struck and picketed.

If there were no employees represented by the Alliance capable of striking, this would be a case of secondary picketing since the House is not the employer, and the Parliament Buildings would not be a struck work site.

The existence of even a handful of government employees would take the situation out of being secondary picketing; however, the small number of individuals at the site may be factored in any action taken to restrict pickets. The courts will look at a number of factors in balancing interests. In such circumstances courts may look to the harm such an injunction will have on the ability of the strikers to otherwise strike their employer¹¹.

PARLIAMENT AS A SPECIAL CASE

Given that any balancing of interests will look at the possible harm to the "business" struck, or the "business" being picketed, the nature of the activity, which is disrupted may become a determinative factor. In the case of the House of Commons, the unique nature of the institution will play a considerable role in any decisions taken regarding injunctions or restrictions.

In a number of cases, the Courts have held that picketing of courthouses by its own striking employees, and their unions should be enjoined¹². The basis for the decisions is that the business of the courts is a fundamental constitutional component of a democratic society. The courts are institutions, which allow for the administration of justice and have as one of their purposes the defining and enforcement of people's constitutional and legal rights. They are part of the constitutional process and denying individuals access to the courts denies them their *Charter* rights.

In the courthouse cases an absolute ban on picketing was granted. In doing so the courts indicated that even where there is no actual impediment, the mere presence of pickets can be viewed as an impediment, because of perceived intimidation¹³.

In 1996, the reasoning of the Supreme Court in the courthouse cases, was applied to enjoin the picketing of a provincial legislature with the court drawing an analogy between access to the courts and a Members' parliamentary privilege to be able to enter and leave the legislature without impediment. The court concludes, "[d]elay and obstruction of entry and egress of Members and essential staff of the Legislative Assembly strikes a blow at the very heart of our society and is unacceptable"¹⁴.

In addition to the entrance and exit of Members, which is a question of privilege, one could also make a good argument that the nature of Parliament and the House puts its business at a constitutional level at least as high as, if not higher than, that of the courts. Parliament is recognized by s. 17 of the *Constitution Act, 1867*. The constitutional nature of the House and its business, particularly as it relates to privileges, has been recognized by the Courts¹⁵. The Constitution speaks

of the rule of law and the ability of Parliament to legislate and to limit rights (if necessary) in a manner which is reasonable and demonstrably justifiable in a free and democratic society. To allow Parliament to be impeded in this is to allow a fundamental aspect of Canadian democracy to be denied.

There are many democratic aspects to the business of the House of Commons which could be added to those of sittings of the House, including Committees, meeting with constituents and interested individuals, visits of foreign dignitaries, along with the support work for the functioning of the House in all of its manifestations.

That employees of the House are prohibited from striking, thus disrupting the business of the House, is directly related to the constitutional nature of the "business" of the House and the importance of the work that is performed there.

That a strike by one component of the Alliance can have the effect that the component representing House employees cannot accomplish directly is another important consideration.

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

Throughout the presentation by the Public Service Alliance much was made of picketing and the freedom of expression under the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. As indicated above, the law is now settled that picketing in the context of a strike is a form of expression, which is constitutionally protected. However, like all rights and freedoms, the freedom of expression is not absolute. It is governed by law and is subject to limitations.

These limits can take many forms. The limit, which is most often discussed, is that found in section 1 of the *Charter*, which subjects all *Charter* rights and freedoms to "such reasonable limits as may be prescribed by law." Given that there is no written "law", reasonableness would have to be measured by the common law. This approach has been used on a number of cases. ¹⁶

In addition to the section 1 type balancing, the courts have also indicated two other limits which should be considered in any inquiry into limits on *Charter* rights: the rights cannot be used to make something legal which is otherwise illegal; and, the *Charter* right cannot be used to abrogate other constitutional powers¹⁷.

In these particular circumstances the striking unions activities may run afoul of both of these considerations. It could be argued that the picketers have violated the provisions of the *Parliamentary Employment and Staff Relations Act* regarding the counselling of an illegal strike. Also they are impeding the House from exercising its constitutional powers, thus affecting Members privileges which have constitutional status.

The union has argued that the nature of the picket is only informational in nature. While there is a strong informational nature to the pickets, once it can be shown that the purpose or intent crosses the line into forms of intimidation, or restriction of access with the purpose of disrupting the business of the House, rather than the business of Public Works and Government Services, the protection of the *Charter* can be lost.

The question is whether employees of the House, and arguably the union members who are in a legal strike position, could engage in informational pickets where there is no intent or effect of impeding access. First, this is a difficult and fine distinction in the case of a strike where the purpose of pickets is recognized as multi-fold including the encouragement of people not to enter or do business. There is also the difficulty posed by the fact that demonstrations on Parliament Hill are an accepted and recognized means of allowing the exercise of the freedom of expression, and the voicing of political concerns to Parliament. The degree to which the Committee chooses to balance these interests is a

matter of policy and political considerations.

INJUNCTIONS

As will be indicated, the most likely process which, will be used to deal with the issues raised is an application for an interim injunction. An injunction is used to determine rights of the parties, and in certain cases, prohibit one of the parties from acting in a particular fashion (i.e. contrary to law). Generally, in order to obtain an injunction the party seeking the injunction must be able to show that there is a substantial issue to be tried (legal or factual), the threatened harm, inadequacy of damages, balance of convenience; and the effect of the injunction on the parties. The test is often rendered into whether there is threatened irreparable harm for which damages is not an adequate remedy. In addition, the party seeking the injunction must undertake to pay any damages the other party would suffer if the action fails.

In usual cases, the courts will take a hard look at the possible harm and the question of whether money damages are available before it grants an injunction. However, in the cases involving the courts, and the Ontario legislature, the courts had little difficulty in finding that the test had been met. In the case of the Ontario legislature the court found:

Barricading the legislative buildings at Queen's Park such that Members of Provincial Parliament and essential service workers can neither enter nor exit the buildings, thereby interrupting the work of the legislature, constitutes a violation of parliamentary privilege, and consequently a breach of one of the fundamental tenets of our political system. A strong prima facie case has been made out. ...

Similarly, such interference with legislative function causes irreparable harm, which cannot be remedied in damages¹⁸.

In the context of labour disputes, in Ontario, there are specific procedures, which will have to be met.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In light of the above, I would submit the following for the consideration of the committee:

If rules are to be established that the rules respecting demonstrations, be applied to labour issues, in the same fashion as any other demonstration. While this may be seen as a limit on picketing, I would suggest that it would likely be seen as a reasonable limit. In making this recommendation I do so in light of the decisions in the various courthouse cases and the Ontario legislature case. In the courthouse cases, the courts have indicated that the enjoining of a work site which is relatively small in the over all scheme of the strike against the government, would have a negligible impact on the efficacy of the strike.

If the real issue is political in nature, that is to put pressure on Parliament to put pressure on the government of the day, then the "strike" should be subject to the same restrictions and treated as all other political demonstrations.

The Committee may also wish to consider certain legislative changes, which could prevent similar occurrences. While there is no guarantee that any legislated solutions will not be tested and therefore require a legal response, the following are submitted for your consideration:

- Amend section 74 of the *Parliamentary Employment and Staff Relations Act*, by broadening the individuals whose actions would violate the Act. I would suggest adding the phrase " Any person or organization, including any employee organization...". This would limit any possible argument that only employee organizations for employees of the House are covered by the prohibition;

- Amend section 2 of the *Public Service Staff Relations Act* to exclude from the definition of employee, employees occupying positions who work in any building, or portion of a building, under the authority of the Speaker of either House of Parliament. Such an amendment would exclude such employees from bargaining under the *PSSRA* and therefore the government would have no employees in the Parliamentary precinct, rendering picketing of the buildings secondary picketing, and illegal.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I am of the opinion that if an injunction were required to be sought to prohibit or limit picketing of the House of Commons, or any of the Parliament Buildings, by striking federal Public Servants, a court would issue such an injunction. I am further of the opinion that restriction of picketing on the Hill would meet both the tests for injunctions, based on irreparable harm for which no damages can compensate, as well as any constitutional test based on reasonable limits.

I am further of the opinion that attempts to limit picketing through legislative or regulatory means would also likely pass constitutional muster.

Lastly, absent specific legislation, there is a likelihood that these situations will arise again in the future and the House should be prepared to take the necessary steps.

I trust that this is of assistance.

Diane Davidson

1. see *Financial Administration Act* ss. 7 and 11

2. *House of Commons v. Canada Labour Relations Board*, [1986] 2 F.C. 372, in which the parties conceded that the Public Service statutes did not apply and the Court determined that employment of staff is an incident of the "privileges, immunities and powers" of the House, at page 376. To the same effect see *Library of Parliament*, [1986] F.C.J. No. 256. It should be noted that in these cases the Federal Court of Appeal overturned the decision of the Canada Labour Relations Board referred to in paragraph 37 of the Public Service Alliance of Canada submission to the Committee.

3. s.2 definition of "employer" (b)

4. ss. 50-61

5. s. 73

6. s.73

7. *British Columbia Government Employees Union v. A-G (British Columbia)*, [1988] 2 S.C.R. 214 at 230

8. It is worth noting the use of the term "employee organization" in section 74 as opposed to the term "bargaining agent". Bargaining agents are employee organizations which have been certified to represent employees; therefore, employee organizations can be outside the Act so to speak. One could make a good argument that the PSAC is an employee organization and which, even when not representing House employees per se, must still protect against violating this section.

9. *Treasury Board v. IBEW*, PSSRB 194-2-15 and 194-2-16

10. *Hersees of Woodstock Ltd. v. Goldstein* [1963] 2 O.R. 81, applied, *Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment Ltd. v. Pomeroy* [1999] O.J. No. 518

11. *OPSEU v. A-G (Ontario)* [1996] O.J. No.1200

12. See *BCGEU v. A-G (British Columbia)*, [1988] 2 S.C.R. 214; the companion decision *Newfoundland Association of Public Employees*, [1988] 2 S.C.R. 204; applied and followed *Ontario Public Service Employees Union v. A-G (Ontario)*, [1996] O.J. No. 1200

13. *Ontario Public Service Employees Union v. A-G (Ontario)*, [1996] O.J. No. 1200

14. *Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario v. Casselman et al.*, unreported (no file number available), Ontario Court (General Division), March 18, 1996

15. *New Brunswick Broadcasting Corp. v. Nova Scotia (Speaker)*, [1993] 1 S.C.R. 318

16. The notion that this balance must take place in the context of the common law was first articulated by the Supreme Court of Canada in *RWDSU v. Dolphin Delivery Ltd.*, [1986] 2 S.C.R. 573, a labour case involving a private citizens seeking an injunction against a union to restrain picketing.

17. *New Brunswick Broadcasting Corp. v. Nova Scotia (Speaker)*, [1993] 1 S.C.R. 318

18. *Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario v. Casselman et al.*, unreported (no file number available), Ontario Court (General Division), March 18, 1996

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PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chairman: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 61

Thursday, April 15, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of a request received concerning the leak of committee reports prior to tabling in the House

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Meeting No. 61

Thursday, April 15, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:16 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Roy Bailey, Stéphane Bergeron, Yvon Charbonneau, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Lynn Myers, John Richardson, John Solomon and Chuck Strahl.

Acting Members present: Ivan Grose for Joe Fontana; David Pratt for Marlene Catterall; Pat O'Brien for George Baker; Deborah Grey for Randy White; John Maloney for Marlene Catterall; Raymonde Folco for Yvon Charbonneau; Paul DeVillers for George Baker; Claude Drouin for Yvon Charbonneau; Gerry Byrne for George Baker; Paul Bonwick for Gar Knutson.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Consideration of a request received pursuant to Standing Order 106(3) concerning the leak of committee reports prior to tabling in the House.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That the Committee consider the Second and Third Reports of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business, and that the meeting be held in public.

Lynn Myers moved, - That the Committee adopt the Second Report of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business concerning the criteria for the selection of votable items as its Report, and that the Chair be instructed to present the Report to the House.

And debate thereon.

Motion carried.

Lynn Myers moved, - That the Committee adopt the Third Report of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business concerning the system of exchanges of Private Members' Bills as its Report, and that the Chair be instructed to present the Report to the House.

And debate thereon.

It was agreed, - That the further consideration of the Third Report of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business be postponed to the next meeting of the Committee.

On motion of John Richardson, it was agreed, - That the Clerk and the researcher, in consultation with the Chair, be authorized to make such editorial changes to the Second Report of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report, prior to its tabling in the House.

At 11:30 a.m. the Committee moved *in camera* to consider its draft report on the leaking of

Committee reports.

At 12:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 62

Tuesday, April 20, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the Third Report of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business concerning the system of exchanges of Private Members' business

WITNESSES:

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada:

Diane Bruyère, Assistant Director of Operations;

Patricia J. Hassard, Director of Legal Services and Registrar of Political Parties;

Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada;

Janice Vézina, Director of Election Financing.

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Meeting No. 62

Tuesday, April 20, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Joe Fontana, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, Lynn Myers, John Richardson, John Solomon and Chuck Strahl.

Acting Members present: Ian Murray for George Baker; Ovid Jackson for Gar Knutson.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer: Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer; Janice Vézina, Director of Election Financing; Patricia J. Hassard, Director of Legal Services and Registrar of Political Parties; Diane Bruyère, Assistant Director of Operations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a), consideration of the Third Report of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business concerning the system of exchanges of Private Members' business.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Lynn Myers.

On motion of Bob Kilger, it was agreed, - That the Committee postpone further consideration of the Third Report of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business pending discussion between the parties on finding a consensus on the recommendations contained in the Report.

At 11:18 a.m., the Committee commenced its examination of the Order of Reference from the House of Commons of Monday, March 1st, 1999: Main Estimates 1999-2000 - Vote 20 under PRIVY COUNCIL (Office of the Chief Electoral Officer).

The Chair called Vote 20 under PRIVY COUNCIL.

Jean-Pierre Kingsley made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:06 p.m., Marlene Catterall took the Chair.

It was agreed, - That Vote 20 under PRIVY COUNCIL (Office of the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada) be adopted.

It was agreed, - That the Chair report Vote 20 under PRIVY COUNCIL (Office of the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada) to the House.

At 12:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Thursday, April 22, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:40 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Roy Bailey, George S. Baker, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Gar Knutson, Lynn Myers, John Richardson and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Consideration of a request received pursuant to Standing Order 106(3) concerning the leak of committee reports prior to tabling in the House.

The Committee met to consider its draft report.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That the Committee postpone further discussion of its draft report to Tuesday, April 26, 1999 at 11:00 a.m.

At 11:41 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 64

Tuesday, April 27, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:13 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Roy Bailey, George S. Baker, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Joe Fontana, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, Lynn Myers, John Richardson and Randy White.

Acting Members present: Stan Keyes for Gar Knutson; Michelle Dockrill for John Solomon.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Consideration of a request received pursuant to Standing Order 106(3) concerning the leak of committee reports prior to tabling in the House.

The Committee considered its draft report on the leaking of Committee reports.

It was agreed, on division, - That the draft report, as amended, be adopted as the Committee's Report and, that the Chair present the Report to the House.

It was agreed, - That the Committee authorize the appending of the dissenting opinion of the Reform Party to its Report provided that the length does not exceed two pages and is provided to the Clerk of the Committee in electronic format and in both official languages no later than 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, 1999.

It was agreed, - That the Committee research the options available for implementing the recommendations in this report and consider them at a future meeting.

At 12:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 65

Thursday, May 27, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:14 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, Roy Bailey, George S. Baker, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Joe Fontana, André Harvey, Lynn Myers and John Richardson.

Acting Member present: Bill Blaikie for John Solomon.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Also in attendance: From the House Proceedings and Parliamentary Exchanges Directorate, Private Members' Business Office: Diane Diotte, Procedural Clerk.

Committee's mandate pursuant to Standing Orders 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv) in relation to Private Members' Business

Lynn Myers moved, - That the Report from the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

And debate thereon.

The motion carried.

The Chair distributed copies of the Fifth Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure, which reads as follows:

FIFTH REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON

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OF THE

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Your Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure met *in camera* at 11:33 a.m. on Thursday, May 13, 1999 in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, M.P., presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Peter Adams, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall and André Harvey.

Acting Member present: Lorne Nystrom for John Solomon.

Also in attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Your Sub-Committee proceeded to the consideration of the Committee's future business and agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. That the next meeting of the Committee be Thursday, May 27, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. and, that the agenda include the following items: Report of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business - Selection of Votable Items; the Fifth Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure, consideration of a briefing note on requested changes to the Standing Orders and consideration of the Rules for Joint Committees.

At 11:50 a.m. the meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Adams, M.P.

Chair

Roy Bailey moved, - That the Fifth Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure be adopted.

And debate thereon.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, - That the Fifth Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure be amended to include a reference to the rules for Joint Committees.

And debate thereon, the amendment carried.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That the Fifth Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure be adopted as amended.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii)

A copy of the Briefing Note on requested changes to the Standing Orders was distributed for consideration.

It was agreed, - That the Committee meet on Thursday, June 3, 1999 to discuss an approach to deal with this issue.

At 11:56 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Peter Adams, Lib.

Meeting No. 66

Thursday, June 3, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of proposals on changes to the Standing Orders of the House of Commons

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Meeting No. 66

Thursday, June 3, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:19 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Peter Adams, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Peter Adams, George S. Baker, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Charbonneau, Lynn Myers, John Richardson, John Solomon, Chuck Strahl and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi)

A letter from the Hon. Don Boudria, Government Leader, on consideration of amendments to the Canada Elections Act was circulated to members.

Committee's mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii)

Consideration of proposals on changes to the Standing Orders of the House of Commons.

It was agreed, - That the Clerk and the researcher be instructed to examine the Standing Orders for any redundancies and to investigate mechanisms to ensure gender neutrality in the language of the Standing Orders.

At 11:45 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chair



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Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, October 13, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 1:33 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, for the purpose of organization.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Ray Bonin, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Grant McNally, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson, John Solomon, Chuck Strahl and Randy White.

Acting Members present: Michel Bellehumeur for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral; Lynn Myers for Jerry Pickard; John O'Reilly for Marlene Catterall.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Standing Order 106 - Election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Chair of the Committee.

Carolyn Parrish moved, - That Derek Lee do take the Chair of the Committee.

Randy White moved, - That Chuck Strahl do take the Chair of the Committee.

The question being put on the motion of Carolyn Parrish, it was agreed to and in consequence, the question on the motion of Randy White was not put.

Accordingly, Derek Lee took the Chair.

On motion of Randy White, it was agreed, - That Chuck Strahl be elected Vice-Chair of this Committee.

On motion of Gar Knutson, it was agreed, - That Marlene Catterall be elected Vice-Chair of this Committee.

On motion of Gar Knutson, it was agreed, - That, a Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure, composed of Derek Lee, Marlene Catterall, Chuck Strahl, Stéphane Bergeron, John Solomon and André Harvey be established.

Standing Orders 104 and 114

On motion of Eleni Bakopanos, it was agreed, - That, the five Whips be delegated the authority to act as the Striking Committee pursuant to Standing Orders 104 and 114 and, provided that the recommendations are unanimous and a copy of the report is signed by all five Whips, or their representatives, they present their recommendations directly to the Chair of the Committee for presentation to the House on behalf of the Committee

Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iv) - Private Members' Business

It was agreed to stand the motion concerning the composition of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business until the Associate Members have been appointed.

Standing Order 108(3)

On motion of Lynn Myers, it was agreed, - That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings in order to receive and authorize the printing of evidence even when a quorum is not present.

On motion of Gar Knutson, it was agreed, - That the Committee retain the services of one or more Research Officers from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of John Richardson, it was agreed, - That, at the discretion of the Chair, reasonable travelling expenses, as per the regulation established by the Board of Internal Economy, be paid if necessary to witnesses invited to appear before the Committee, and that for such payment of expenses a limit of one (1) representative per organization be established unless otherwise ordered by the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure.

Standing Order 104 and 114 - Membership

On motion of Lynn Myers, it was agreed, - That the draft report be adopted as the Committee's First Report to the House and that the Chair present the report to the House.

At 1:44 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Chairman: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, October 19, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of a Draft Report on the membership of Standing and Standing Joint Committees

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Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, October 19, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 9:25 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Ray Bonin, Marlene Catterall, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Grant McNally, Jerry Pickard, John Richardson, John Solomon, Chuck Strahl and Randy White.

Standing Order 104 and 114 - Striking Committee

Pursuant to Standing Order 104, the Committee proceeded to the consideration of a Draft Report on the membership of Standing and Standing Joint Committees.

After debate, on motion of Chuck Strahl, it was agreed, - That, the Draft Report be adopted as the Committee's Second Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iv) - Private Members' Business

It was agreed, - That, subject to the adoption by the House of the list of Associate Members to the Committee, the membership of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business be as follows: Bill Blaikie; Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral; Deborah Grey; André Harvey; Joe Jordan and Larry McCormick;

- That, Larry McCormick be appointed Chair of the Sub-Committee;
- That, the Sub-committee be charged with carrying out the responsibilities of the Committee under Standing Order 108(3)(a) insofar as Private Members' Business and the business related to Private Bills is concerned; and
- That, the Sub-committee be granted the same powers as the Committee has and enjoys pursuant to Standing Order 108(1)(a) except the power to report directly to the House.

At 9:35 a.m., the Committee proceeded to the consideration of its future business.

At 9:43 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Marie Carrière

Committee Clerk

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Chairman: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, October 26, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of its future business

APPEARING:

Honourable Don Boudria, P.C., M.P., Leader of the Government in the House of Commons

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Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, October 26, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:38 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Ray Bonin, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, André Harvey, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish, Jerry Pickard, John Richardson and John Solomon.

Acting Members present: Peter Adams for Bob Kilger; Eric Lowther for Grant McNally; Ted White for Chuck Strahl.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Appearing: From the House of Commons: The Hon. Don Boudria, P.C., M.P., Leader of the Government in the House of Commons.

Witness: From the Privy Council Office: Michael Peirce, Director of Legal Operations, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), the Committee considered its future business.

The Chair presented the First Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure, which reads as follows:

FIRST REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON

AGENDA AND PROCEDURE

OF THE

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Your Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure met *in camera* at 11:19 a.m. on Thursday, October 21, 1999 in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, M.P., presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, André Harvey, Derek Lee and John Solomon.

Acting Member present: Ted White for Chuck Strahl.

Other Member present: Rob Anders.

Also in attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Your Sub-Committee proceeded to the consideration of the Committee's future business and agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. That the Hon. Don Boudria, Leader of the Government and President of the Privy Council, be invited to appear before the Committee on Tuesday, October 26, 1999 on Bill C-2, *An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and make consequential amendments to other Acts*.
2. That the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada, Jean-Pierre Kingsley be invited to appear before the Committee on Thursday, October 28, 1999 on Bill C-2.
3. That the deadline for the submission of lists of potential witnesses on Bill C-2 by members of the Committee be extended to Tuesday, October 26, 1999.
4. That the Committee agree to schedule additional meetings to accommodate witnesses on Bill C-2 on Wednesday afternoons and/or evenings as required.
5. That those registered political parties which are recognized in the House be invited to appear as part of a panel on Tuesday, November 2, 1999.
6. That those registered political parties which are not recognized in the House be invited to participate in a one hour panel the week of November 1, 1999.
7. That those political parties which have been de-registered and those parties whose applications for recognition are dependent on fielding 50 candidates in the next federal election, be invited to participate in a one hour panel discussion the week of November 1, 1999.
8. That the Chair send letters to the following individuals or organizations inviting them to make a written submission to the Committee concerning the provisions of Bill C-2.
9. That the Committee agree to hold an informal meeting/reception for the members of the College of Governors of the Chamber of Deputies of Italy on Monday, November 1, 1999 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and, that the Clerk in consultation with the Chair be authorized to order light refreshments for this event.
10. That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, be authorized to order food for a working meeting of the Committee on Tuesday, October 26, 1999.

At 12:38 p.m. the meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Derek Lee, M.P.

Chair

Carolyn Parrish moved, - That the First Report from the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure be adopted.

After debate, the motion carried.

At 11:54 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:04 p.m., the sitting resumed.

In accordance with its Order of Reference from the House of Tuesday, October 19, 1999, the Committee commenced its examination of Bill C-2, *An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts*.

The Hon. Don Boudria made a statement and, with Michael Peirce, answered questions.

At 1:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 4

Thursday, October 28, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-2, An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts

WITNESSES:

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:

Diane Bruyère, Assistant Director of Operations;
Patricia J. Hassard, Assistant Chief Electoral Officer;
Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer;
Janice Vézina, Director of Election Financing.

Privy Council Office:

Isabelle Mondou, Counsel, Legislation and House Planning;
Michael Peirce, Director of Legal Operations, Legislation and House Planning.

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Thursday, October 28, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Stéphane Bergeron, Ray Bonin, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, André Harvey, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish, Jerry Pickard, John Richardson and John Solomon.

Acting Members present: Peter Adams for Bob Kilger; Ted White for Chuck Strahl; Gordon Earle for John Solomon to 13:31 p.m.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer: Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer; Patricia J. Hassard, Assistant Chief Electoral Officer; Janice Vézina, Director of Election Financing; Diane Bruyère, Assistant Director of Operations. *From the Privy Council Office:* Michael Peirce, Director of Legal Operations, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel; Isabelle Mondou, Counsel, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel.

In accordance with its Order of Reference from the House of Tuesday, October 19, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-2, *An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts.* (See *Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday, October 26, 1999, Meeting no. 3*)

On a point of order, Jerry Pickard moved, - That the practice concerning the structure of questioning of witnesses be modified to permit a greater participation by all members of the Committee by instituting five minute instead of ten minute questions on Round One and by changing the order to the following: two opposition, one government, two opposition, one government on Round One and alternating opposition and government on Round Two until time expires.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That the motion be deferred to a later time for discussion.

At 11:15 a.m., Jean-Pierre Kingsley made a statement and with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:52 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:55 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Michael Peirce and Isabelle Mondou made statements and answered questions.

At 13:06 p.m., Marlene Catterall took the Chair.

At 13:08 p.m., Derek Lee took the Chair.

On motion of John Solomon, it was agreed, - That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, be authorized to make the necessary arrangements for working lunches when it appears that the Committee will be sitting beyond 1:00 p.m.

At 1:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

Striking Committee

Friday, October 22, 1999

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee and in accordance with an Order adopted on Wednesday, October 13, 1999, the *Third Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

Thursday, October 28, 1999

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee and in accordance with an Order adopted on Wednesday, October 13, 1999, the *Fourth Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, November 2, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the report of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business prior to proceeding to its Order of the Day

WITNESSES:

Bloc Québécois:

Louis-Philippe Bourgeois, Deputy Director General;

Lorraine Godin, Chief Agent.

Liberal Party of Canada:

Terrence M. Mercer, National Director;

Jack Siegel, Co-Chair, Standing Committee on the Constitution and Legal Affairs.

New Democratic Party:

Peter Julian, Assistant Federal Secretary.

Progressive Conservative Party of Canada:

Susan Elliott, National Director;

Paul Lepsoe, Legal Counsel.

Reform Party of Canada:

Greg Yost, Senior Researcher.



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Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, November 2, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:37 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Stéphane Bergeron, Ray Bonin, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish, Jerry Pickard, John Richardson and John Solomon.

Acting Members present: Larry McCormick for Ray Bonin to 1:15 p.m.; Ted White for Chuck Strahl.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer. *From the Private Members' Business Office:* Bibiane Ouellette, Clerk of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business. *From the Committees and Legislative Services Directorate:* Susan Baldwin, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: From the Liberal Party of Canada: Terrence M. Mercer, National Director; Jack Siegel, Co-Chair, Standing Committee on the Constitution and Legal Affairs Liberal Party of Canada. *From the Reform Party of Canada:* Greg Yost, Senior Researcher. *From the Bloc Québécois:* Louis-Philippe Bourgeois, Deputy Director General; Lorraine Godin, Principal Agent. *From the New Democratic Party:* Peter Julian, Assistant Federal Secretary. *From the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada:* Susan Elliott, National Director; Paul Lepsoe, Legal Counsel.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That the Committee consider the report of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business prior to proceeding to its Order of the Day.

Larry McCormick moved, - That the Report from the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

And debate thereon, the question being put on the motion, it was carried unanimously.

In accordance with its Order of Reference from the House of October 19, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-2, *An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts* (See *Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday, October 26, 1999, Meeting no. 3*).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 12:51 p.m., Marlene Catterall took the Chair.

At 1:00 p.m., Derek Lee took the Chair.

At 1:47 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, November 3, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-2, An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts

APPEARING:

Honourable Don Boudria, P.C., M.P., Leader of the Government in the House of Commons

WITNESSES:

Christian Heritage party of Canada:

Ron Gray, National Leader.

Green Party of Canada:

Julian West.

Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada:

Anna Di Carlo.

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Wednesday, November 3, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 3:46 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, André Harvey, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish, Jerry Pickard, John Richardson and John Solomon.

Acting Members present: John Maloney for Gar Knutson; Ted White for Chuck Strahl.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Appearing: From the House of Commons: The Hon. Don Boudria, C.P., M.P., Leader of the Government in the House of Commons.

Witnesses: From the The Green Party of Canada: Julian West. *From the Christian Heritage Party of Canada:* Ron Gray, National Leader. *From the Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada:* Anna Di Carlo; Peggy Morten. *From the Privy Council Office:* Michael Peirce, Director of Legal Operations, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel; Isabelle Mondou, Counsel, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel.

In accordance with its Order of Reference from the House of October 19, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-2, *An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts* (See *Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday, October 26, 1999, Meeting no. 3*).

Ron Gray, Julian West and Anna Di Carlo made statements and, with Peggy Morten, answered questions.

At 5:39 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:41 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Hon. Don Boudria made a statement and, with the witnesses, answered questions.

At 6:19 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

Striking Committee

Friday, October 29, 1999

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee and in accordance with an Order adopted on Wednesday, October 13, 1999, the *Fifth Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

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Meeting No. 7

Wednesday, November 3, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-2, An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts

WITNESSES:

Communist Party of Canada:

Miguel Figueroa, Leader.

Libertarian Party of Canada:

Jean-Serge Brisson, President.

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Meeting No. 7

Wednesday, November 3, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 7:21 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Stéphane Bergeron, Ray Bonin, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, André Harvey, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish and John Richardson.

Acting Member present: Ted White for Chuck Strahl.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Communist Party of Canada: Miguel Figueroa, Party Leader. *From the Libertarian Party of Canada:* Jean-Serge Brisson, Party President.

In accordance with its Order of Reference from the House of October 19, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-2, *An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts* (See *Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday, October 26, 1999, Meeting no. 3*).

Miguel Figueroa made a statement and answered questions.

Jean-Serge Brisson made a statement and answered questions.

At 8:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 8

Monday, November 15, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-2, An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts

WITNESSES:

Canadian Labour Congress:

Pat Kerwin, Director of Political Action;

Nancy Riche, Secretary-Treasurer.

Canadian Taxpayers Federation:

Walter Robinson, Federal Director.

National Firearms Association:

Jim Hinter, Coordinator.

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Meeting No. 8

Monday, November 15, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 7:02 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Stéphane Bergeron, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish, Jerry Pickard and John Richardson.

Acting Members present: Ted White for Chuck Strahl; Judy Wasylcia-Leis for John Solomon; John Herron for André Harvey.

Other Member present: Rob Anders.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Labour Congress: Nancy Riche, Secretary-Treasurer; Pat Kerwin, Director of Political Action. *From the Canadian Taxpayers' Federation:* Walter Robinson, Federal Director. *From the National Firearms Association:* Jim Hinter, Coordinator.

In accordance with its Order of Reference from the House of October 19, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-2, *An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts* (See *Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday, October 26, 1999, Meeting no. 3*).

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 9:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jacques Lahaie

Committee Clerk

Striking Committee

Monday, November 15, 1999

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee and in accordance with an Order adopted on Wednesday, October 13, 1999, the *Seventh Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

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Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, November 16, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-2, An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts

WITNESSES:

Elections Ontario:

Warren Bailie, Chief Election Officer of Ontario.

“Élections Québec”:

Pierre-F. Côté, Former Chief Electoral Officer for Quebec.

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Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, November 16, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 10:30 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, André Harvey, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson.

Acting Member present: Ted White for Chuck Strahl.

Other Member present: Rob Anders.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From "Élections Québec": Pierre F. Côté, Former Chief Electoral Officer of Québec.
From Elections Ontario: Warren Bailie, Chief Election Officer of Ontario.

In accordance with its Order of Reference from the House of October 19, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-2, *An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts* (See *Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday, October 26, 1999, Meeting no. 3*).

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 12:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jacques Lahaie

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 10

Wednesday, November 17, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-2, An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts

WITNESSES:

Canadian Association of Broadcasters:

David Goldstein, Director, Government Relations;

Cynthia A. Rathwell, Vice-President, Legal Affairs.

Canadian Newspaper Association:

Michael Doody, General Counsel and Secretary, Thomson Newspapers Company Limited;

Anne Kothawala, Vice-President, Policy;

Blair Mackenzie, Vice-President and General Counsel, Southam Inc.

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Meeting No. 10

Wednesday, November 17, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 3:39 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, André Harvey, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson and John Solomon.

Acting Member present: Ted White for Chuck Strahl.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Newspaper Association: Anne Kothawala, Vice-President, Policy; Blair Mackenzie, Vice-President and General Counsel, Southam Inc.; Michael Doody, General Counsel and Secretary, Thomson Newspapers Company Limited. *From the Canadian Association of Broadcasters:* David Goldstein, Director, Government Relations; Cynthia A. Rathwell, Vice-President, Legal Affairs.

In accordance with its Order of Reference from the House of Tuesday, October 19, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-2, *An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts* (See *Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, October 26, 1999, Meeting No. 3*).

The witnesses from the Canadian Newspaper Association and the Canadian Association of Broadcasters made statements and answered questions.

At 5:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 11

Wednesday, November 17, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

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WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

John Bryden, Lib., Member for *Wentworth—Burlington*;

Hon. Charles Caccia, Lib., Member for *Davenport*;

Yves Rocheleau, BQ., Member for *Trois-Rivières*;

Caroline St-Hilaire, BQ., Member for *Longueuil*.

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Meeting No. 11

Wednesday, November 17, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 7:00 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, John Richardson, John Solomon and Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: Charles Caccia, MP for Davenport; John Bryden, MP for Wentworth--Burlington; Yves Rocheleau, MP for Trois-Rivières; Caroline St-Hilaire, MP for Longueuil.

In accordance with its Order of Reference from the House of Tuesday, October 19, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-2, *An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts* (See *Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, October 26, 1999, Meeting No. 3*).

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 8:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jacques Lahaie

Committee Clerk

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Meeting No. 12

Thursday, November 18, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-2, An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts

WITNESS:

As Individual:

Peter Grant, Broadcasting Arbitrator.



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Meeting No. 12

Thursday, November 18, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 12:37 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson and John Solomon.

Acting Members present: Ted White for Chuck Strahl; Rob Anders for Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witness: Peter Grant, Broadcasting Arbitrator.

In accordance with its Order of Reference from the House of Tuesday, October 19, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-2, *An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts* (See *Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, October 26, 1999, Meeting No. 3*).

Peter Grant made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:33 p.m. the Committee discussed its future business.

It was agreed, - That the Committee commence clause-by-clause examination of Bill C-2 on Thursday, November 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and continue on Monday, November 29 from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. and from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Additional meetings on the clause-by-clause examination to be scheduled as required.

It was agreed, - That the members be encouraged to submit their amendments to Bill C-2 to the Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 23, 1999.

At 1:53 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

Striking Committee

Thursday, November 18, 1999

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking

Committee and in accordance with an Order adopted on Wednesday, October 13, 1999, the *Eighth Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

Friday, November 19, 1999

In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee and in accordance with an Order adopted on Wednesday, October 13, 1999, the *Ninth Report* is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

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Meeting No. 13

Monday, November 22, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-2, An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts

WITNESSES:

Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs:

Rachel Proulx, President.

Canadian Federation of University Women:

Susan Russell, Executive Director.

National Council of Women of Canada:

Ruth Brown, Past President;

Cathy Laidlaw-Sly, Vice-President.

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Meeting No. 13

Monday, November 22, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Ray Bonin, Marlene Catterall, André Harvey, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Jerry Pickard, John Richardson and John Solomon.

Acting Members present: Ted White for Chuck Strahl; Rob Anders for Randy White; Caroline St-Hilaire for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs: Rachel Proulx, President. *From the National Council of Women of Canada:* Cathy Laidlaw-Sly, Vice-President; Ruth Brown, Past President. *From the Canadian Federation of University Women:* Susan Rusell, Executive Directeur.

On motion of John Richardson, it was agreed, - That, the Committee adopt the proposed budget request in the amount of \$10,000 to cover operating costs for the Committee and its sub-committee on Private Members' Business for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000, and that the said budget be presented to the Budget Sub-Committee of the Liaison Committee.

In accordance with its Order of Reference from the House of Tuesday, October 19, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-2, *An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts* (See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, October 26, 1999, Meeting No. 3).

Rachel Proulx made a statement by teleconference. Cathy Laidlaw-Sly and Susan Rusell made statements and, with Ruth Brown, answered questions.

At 5:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 14

Monday, November 22, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-2, An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts

WITNESSES:

Elections Canada:

Diane Bruyère, Assistant Director of Operations, Electoral Coordinator;

Tom McMahon, Acting Director of Legal Services and Registrar of Political Parties;

Janice Vézina, Director, Elections Financing.

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:

Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada.

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Meeting No. 14

Monday, November 22, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 7:07 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, André Harvey, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Jerry Pickard and John Solomon.

Acting Members present: Ted White for Chuck Strahl; Rob Anders for Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer: Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer; Tom McMahon, Acting Director, Legal Services and Registrar of Political Parties; Janice Vézina, Director of Election Financing; Diane Bruyère, Assistant Director of Operations.

In accordance with its Order of Reference from the House of Tuesday, October 19, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-2, *An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts* (See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, October 26, 1999, Meeting No. 3).

Jean-Pierre Kingsley made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 9:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, November 23, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-2, An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts

WITNESSES:

Democracy Watch:

Aaron Freeman, Board Member.

Environment Voters:

Stephen Best, Director;

Liz White, Director.

"Mouvement pour la démocratie dans les villes":

Monique Deslauriers, President.

As individuals:

Patrick Boyer;

Gerald Chipeur;

Nick Loenen.



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Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, November 23, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 10:37 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish, Jerry Pickard, John Richardson and John Solomon.

Acting Members present: Tom Wappel for Ray Bonin; Ted White for Chuck Strahl; Rob Anders for Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From Democracy Watch: Aaron Freeman, Board Member. *As Individual:* Patrick Boyer; Nick Loenen. *From Environment Voters:* Stephen Best, Director; Liz White, Director. *From « Mouvement pour la Démocratie dans les Villes »:* Monique Deslauriers, President. *As Individual:* Gerald Chipeur, Lawyer.

In accordance with its Order of Reference from the House of Tuesday, October 19, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-2, *An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts* (See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, October 26, 1999, Meeting No. 3).

Aaron Freeman, Patrick Boyer and Nick Loenen made statements and answered questions.

At 12:35 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:44 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Stephen Best, Monique Deslauriers and Gerald Chipeur made statements and, with Liz White, answered questions.

At 2:11 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 16

Wednesday, November 24, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-2, An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts

APPEARING:

Honorable Don Boudria, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons

WITNESSES:

Privy Council Office:

Isabelle Mondou, Counsel, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel;

Michael Peirce, Director of Legal Operations, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel.

University of Ottawa:

Manon Tremblay, Full Professor, Director, Centre for Research on Women and Politics.

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Meeting No. 16

Wednesday, November 24, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 3:42 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, André Harvey, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish, Jerry Pickard, John Richardson and John Solomon.

Acting Member present: Ted White for Chuck Strahl.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Appearing: From the House of Commons: The Hon. Don Boudria, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons.

Witnesses: From the University of Ottawa: Manon Tremblay, Associate Professor of Political Science. *From the Privy Council Office:* Michael Peirce, Director of Legal Operations, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel; Isabelle Mondou, Counsel, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel.

In accordance with its Order of Reference from the House of Tuesday, October 19, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-2, *An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts* (See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, October 26, 1999, Meeting No. 3).

Professor Manon Tremblay made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:07 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:09 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Hon. Don Boudria made a statement and, with the witnesses, answered questions.

At 6:39 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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In accordance with the mandate of the Committee concerning its responsibilities as the Striking Committee and in accordance with an Order adopted on Wednesday, October 13, 1999, the *Tenth*

Report is deemed to have been adopted and the Chair is ordered to present it to the House.

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 17

Thursday, November 25, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-2, An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts

WITNESSES:

Privy Council Office:

Isabelle Mondou, Officer, Legislation and House Planning;

Michael Peirce, Director of Legal Operations, Legislation and House Planning.

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Meeting No. 17

Thursday, November 25, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 10:24 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish, Jerry Pickard, John Richardson and John Solomon.

Acting Members present: Tom Wappel for Bob Kilger to 11:08 a.m.; Bernard Patry for Ray Bonin to 12:25 p.m.; George Proud for Ray Bonin from 12:25 p.m.; Eric Lowther for Grant McNally; Ted White for Chuck Strahl; Rob Anders for Randy White; Réal Ménard for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral to 11:16 a.m.; René Laurin for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral from 11:16 a.m.; Monique Guay for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral from 11:59 a.m.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Privy Council Office: Michael Peirce, Director of Legal Operations, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel; Isabelle Mondou, Counsel, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel.

In accordance with its Order of Reference from the House of Tuesday, October 19, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-2, *An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts* (See *Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, October 26, 1999, Meeting No. 3*).

The Committee proceeded to Clause-by-Clause consideration of the Bill.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of Clause 1 is postponed.

Clauses 2 through 4 stood.

Clauses 5 through 10 carried severally.

Clauses 11 through 13 stood.

Clause 14 carried, on division.

Clause 15 carried.

Clauses 16 through 19 stood.

Clauses 20 and 21 carried.

Clauses 22 through 26 stood.

Clause 27 carried.

Clause 28 stood.

Clauses 29 through 31 carried.

Clause 32 carried, on division.

Clauses 33 through 37 stood.

Clause 38 carried.

Clauses 39 and 40 stood.

Clauses 41 through 43 carried.

Clauses 44 through 49 stood.

Clauses 50 and 51 carried.

Clauses 52 and 53 stood.

Clauses 54 and 55 carried.

Clauses 56 and 57 stood.

Clause 58 carried.

Clause 59 stood.

Clauses 60 through 65 carried severally.

Clauses 66 and 67 stood.

Clauses 68 through 75 carried severally.

Clauses 76 through 80 carried severally.

Clause 81 carried.

Clause 82 stood.

Clauses 83 and 84 carried.

Clause 85 stood.

Clauses 86 through 92 carried severally.

Clauses 93 and 94 stood.

Clauses 95 through 100 carried severally.

Clauses 101 through 105 stood.

Clause 106 carried.

Clause 107 stood.

Clause 108 carried.

Clauses 109 through 112 stood.

Clauses 113 through 117 carried severally.

Clause 118 carried, on division.

Clause 119 carried.

Clause 120 stood.

Clauses 121 through 125 carried severally.

Clauses 126 and 127 carried.

Clauses 128 through 130 stood.

Clause 131 carried.

Clauses 132 through 135 stood.

Clauses 136 and 137 carried.

Clause 138 stood.

Clauses 139 through 142 carried severally.

Clauses 143 through 145 stood.

Clauses 146 and 147 carried.

Clauses 148 and 149 stood.

Clauses 150 through 154 carried severally.

Clause 155 stood.

Clauses 156 through 160 carried.

Clause 161 stood.

Clauses 162 through 165 carried severally.

Clause 166 stood.

Clauses 167 through 170 carried severally.

Clauses 171 through 180 carried severally.

Clauses 181 through 186 carried severally.

Clauses 187 through 194 carried severally.

Clause 195 stood.

Clauses 196 through 203 carried severally.

Clauses 204 through 210 carried severally.

Clauses 211 through 221 carried severally.

Clause 222 stood.

Clauses 223 through 225 carried.

Clauses 226 and 227 stood.

Clauses 228 through 232 carried severally.

Clause 233 stood.

Clause 234 carried.

Clauses 235 through 240 carried severally.

Clauses 241 and 242 carried.

Clause 243 stood.

Clauses 244 through 250 carried severally.

Clause 251 carried.

Clause 252 carried.

Clauses 253 through 260 stood.

Clauses 261 through 268 carried severally.

Clauses 269 through 272 carried severally.

Clause 273 stood.

Clauses 274 through 276 carried.

Clause 277 stood.

Clauses 278 through 282 carried severally.

Clause 283 stood.

Clauses 284 through 291 carried severally.

Clauses 292 through 295 carried severally.

Clauses 296 through 300 carried severally.

Clauses 301 through 305 carried severally.

Clauses 306 through 317 carried severally.

Clauses 318 and 319 stood.

Clause 320 carried.

Clause 321 stood.

Clause 322 carried.

Clauses 323 through 329 stood.

Clause 330 carried.

Clause 331 stood.

Clauses 332 through 354 stood.

Clause 355 carried.

Clauses 356 and 357 stood.

Clause 358 carried.

Clause 359 stood.

Clause 360 carried.

Clause 361 stood.

Clauses 362 through 369 carried severally.

Clause 370 stood.

Clause 371 carried.

Clause 372 through 374 carried severally.

Clauses 375 and 376 stood.

Clauses 377 through 381 carried severally.

Clause 382 stood.

Clauses 383 and 384 carried.

Clause 385 stood.

Clauses 386 through 388 carried severally.

Clause 389 stood.

Clauses 390 through 393 carried severally.

Clauses 394 through 396 stood.

Clause 397 carried.

Clauses 398 and 399 stood.

Clauses 400 through 403 carried severally.

Clauses 404 and 405 stood.

Clause 406 carried.

Clauses 407 through 410 stood.

Clauses 411 through 413 carried severally.

Clause 414 stood.

Clauses 415 through 418 carried severally.

Clauses 419 through 422 stood.

Clause 423 carried.

Clauses 424 through 426 stood.

Clause 427 carried.

Clause 428 stood.

Clauses 429 through 433 carried severally.

Clauses 434 and 435 stood.

Clause 436 carried.

Clauses 437 through 439 stood.

Clause 440 carried.

Clauses 441 and 442 stood.

Clauses 443 through 447 carried severally.

Clauses 448 through 452 stood.

Clauses 453 through 457 carried severally.

Clauses 458 through 467 carried severally.

Clauses 468 through 472 carried severally.

Clauses 473 through 477 carried severally.

Clauses 478 and 479 stood.

Clauses 480 through 490 carried severally.

Clauses 491 through 495 carried severally.

Clauses 496 and 497 stood.

Clauses 498 and 499 carried.

Clause 500 stood.

Clause 501 carried.

Clause 502 stood.

Clauses 503 through 507 carried severally.

Clauses 508 through 512 carried severally.

Clauses 513 through 520 carried severally.

Clauses 521 through 524 carried severally.

Clauses 525 through 530 carried severally.

Clauses 531 through 536 carried severally.

Clauses 537 through 539 stood.

Clauses 540 through 544 carried severally.

Clauses 545 through 552 carried severally.

Clause 553 stood.

Clause 554 carried.

Clauses 555 through 557 stood.

Clauses 558 and 559 carried.

Clauses 560 through 562 stood.

Clauses 563 through 570 carried severally.

Clauses 571 through 575 carried severally.

Clause 576 stood.

Clause 577 carried.

At 11:48 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:04 p.m., the sitting resumed.

On Clause 2,

André Harvey moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing line 31 on page 2 with the following:

"service is not in that business,

but the commercial value of property or a service is deemed to be nil if it is provided by a person who is not in the business of providing that property or those services, and the amount charged for it is \$200 or less."

After debate, the motion was withdrawn.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing line 44 on page 4 with the following:

"surname, given names, sex, date of birth, telephone number, if not confidential, civic address and"

After debate, the motion was negatived: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 6.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing lines 36 to 39 on page 6 with the following:

"their working hours."

After debate, the motion was stood.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing lines 8 to 13 on page 7 with the following:

"(3) For the purposes of this Act, the expressions "satisfactory proof of identity" and "satisfactory

proof of residence" have the meaning given to those expressions by the regulations."

After debate, the motion was negatived.

Clause 2 was stood.

On Clause 3,

John Solomon moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 3, be amended by replacing line 17 on page 7 with the following:

"and is 16 years of age or older on polling day"

After debate, the motion was negatived: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 6.

Clause 3 carried, on division.

At 12:42 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:59 p.m., the sitting resumed.

On Clause 4,

John Solomon moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 4, be amended by replacing line 19 on page 7 with the following:

"4. Subject to section 318, the following persons are not entitled to"

After debate, the motion was negatived: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 8.

Clause 4 carried, on division.

On Clause 11,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 11, be amended by replacing lines 28 to 30 on page 9 with the following:

"Canada for less than three consecutive years;"

After debate, the motion was negatived: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

Clause 11 carried, on division.

At 1:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 18

Thursday, November 25, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-2, An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts

WITNESSES:

Privy Council Office:

Isabelle Mondou, Official, Privy Council Office, Legislation and Parliamentary Planning;

Michael Peirce, Director, Legal Operations, Advisor, Legislation and Parliamentary Planning.

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Meeting No. 18

Thursday, November 25, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson and John Solomon.

Acting Members present: Steve Mahoney for Ray Bonin; Clifford Lincoln for Jerry Pickard; Eric Lowther for Grant McNally; Ted White for Chuck Strahl; Rob Anders for Randy White; Benoît Sauvageau for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Privy Council Office: Michael Peirce, Director of Legal Operations, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel; Isabelle Mondou, Counsel, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel. *From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:* Tom McMahon, Acting Director, Legal Services and Registrar of Political Parties; Diane Bruyère, Assistant Director of Operations.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 19, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-2, An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, October 26, 1999, Meeting No. 3*).

The Committee proceeded to Clause-by-Clause consideration of the Bill.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of Clause 1 is postponed.

On Clause 12,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 12, be amended by replacing lines 36 to 40 on page 9 with the following:

"by-election unless his or her principal place of residence on polling day is situated in the same electoral district that includes the polling division in which was situated the electors principal place of residence at the begin--"

After debate, by unanimous consent, Stéphane Bergeron was permitted to withdraw his motion.

Clause 12 carried on division.

Clause 16 stood.

On Clause 17,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 17, be amended by replacing lines 16 to 22 on page 12 with the following:

"rupted on polling day by an emergency, the Chief Electoral Officer shall extend the voting hours at the polling station for a period of time equivalent to the period during which the polling station had to be closed because of the emergency, as long as it does not in any case"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was stood.

Clause 17 stood.

On Clause 18,

Eric Lowther moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 18, be amended by adding after line 33 on page 12 the following:

"(1.1) For greater certainty, where the Chief Electoral Officer wishes to implement the public education and information programs referred to in subsection (1) in an educational institution that falls under the jurisdiction of a province, the Chief Electoral Officer shall obtain the permission of the government of that province."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Rob Anders

Stéphane Bergeron

Eric Lowther

Benoît Sauvageau

Ted White: -- 5

NAYS:

Eleni Bakopanos

Marlene Catterall

Gar Knutson

Clifford Lincoln

Steve Mahoney

Carolyn Parrish

John Richardson

John Solomon: -- 8

Ted White moved, -- That Bill C-2 be amended by adding after line 44 on page 12 the following new clause:

"**18.1** (1) The Chief Electoral Officer may

(a) carry out studies respecting the use of an electronic voting process in a general election or by-election;

(b) devise and test an electronic voting process on an experimental basis, in a general election or a by-election and in such electoral districts as he or she deems advisable; and

(c) make regulations prescribing the means by which a vote may be cast for the purposes of subsection (2).

(2) In subsection (1), "electronic voting process" means a process for casting a vote by telephone or the Internet or by such other means as is prescribed, by regulation, by the Chief Electoral Officer."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was stood.

Clause 18 stood.

On Clause 19,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 19, be amended by replacing lines 4 to 8 on page 13 with the following:

"in accordance with the *Public Service Employment Act* following an open competition, and any other officers, clerks and employees that may be required, who shall be appointed in accordance with that Act."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Rob Anders

Stéphane Bergeron

Benoît Sauvageau

John Solomon

Ted White: -- 5

NAYS:

Eleni Bakopanos

Marlene Catterall

Gar Knutson

Clifford Lincoln

Steve Mahoney

Carolyn Parrish

John Richardson: -- 7

Clause 19 carried on division.

On Clause 22,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 22, be amended by adding after line 5 on page 15 the following:

"(d.1) a person who was a candidate at the last general election or at a by-election held since the last general election;"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 22, as amended, carried.

On motion of John Solomon, it was agreed, - That the Committee stand Mr. White's amendments to Monday, November 29, 1999 until his arrival but continue with other amendments at this meeting.

On Clause 23,

André Harvey moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 23, be amended by adding after line 39 on page 15 the following:

"(1.1) Every election officer within the meaning of paragraphs 22(b) to (o) who swears an oath under subsection (1) may engage in partisan activities during an electoral campaign provided these activities do not relate to the performance of the duties of that office."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was stood.

Clause 23 stood.

On Clause 24,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 24, be amended by replacing lines 5 to 8 on page 16 with the following:

"24. (1) There shall be a returning officer for each electoral district who shall be appointed in accordance with the *Public Service Employment Act* following an open competition."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Rob Anders

Stéphane Bergeron

Benoît Sauvageau

John Solomon

Ted White: -- 5

NAYS:

Eleni Bakopanos

Marlene Catterall

Gar Knutson

Clifford Lincoln

Steve Mahoney

Carolyn Parrish

John Richardson: -- 7

John Solomon moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 24, be amended by replacing lines 5 to 8 on page 16 with the following:

"24. (1) There shall be a returning officer for each electoral district appointed by the Chief Electoral Officer following as open competition conducted in accordance with the applicable principles set out in the *Public Service Employment Act*."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Rob Anders

Stéphane Bergeron

Benoît Sauvageau

John Solomon: -- 4

NAYS:

Eleni Bakopanos

Gar Knutson

Clifford Lincoln

Steve Mahoney

Carolyn Parrish

John Richardson: -- 6

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 24, be amended (a) by replacing line 20 on page 16 with the following:

" (4) Subject to subsection (4.1), the office of a returning officer is not"

(b) by adding after line 27 on page 16 the following:

"(4.1) Where a returning officer has held office during two consecutive general elections, the returning officer shall not hold office for longer than six months after the polling day of the second general election point."

After debate, by unanimous consent, Stéphane Bergeron withdrew his motion.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 24, be amended by replacing line 40 on page 16 with the following:

"(7) The Chief Electoral Officer may remove"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Rob Anders

Stéphane Bergeron

Benoît Sauvageau: -- 3

NAYS:

Eleni Bakopanos

Gar Knutson

Clifford Lincoln

Steve Mahoney

Carolyn Parrish

John Richardson: -- 6

Clause 24 stood.

Clause 25 stood.

On Clause 26,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 26, be amended by replacing lines 25 to 29 on page 17 with the following:

"**26.** (1) There shall be an assistant returning officer for each electoral district who shall be appointed in accordance with the *Public Service Employment Act* following an open competition."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Rob Anders

Stéphane Bergeron

Benoît Sauvageau: -- 3

NAYS:

Eleni Bakopanos

Gar Knutson

Clifford Lincoln

Steve Mahoney

Carolyn Parrish

John Richardson: -- 6

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 26, be amended by replacing lines 30 to 34 on page 17 with the following:

"(2) The father, mother, child, spouse's child, brother, half-brother, sister, half-sister, uncle, aunt, cousin, nephew, niece, employee of, or a person who lives with, a returning officer shall not be appointed as an assistant returning officer."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was stood.

Clause 26 stood.

On Clause 28,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 28, be amended by replacing lines 17 to 22 on page 18 with the following:

"(4) As soon as possible after the date on which the Chief Electoral Officer has been notified of a vacancy in the office of a returning officer or accepts the resignation of a returning officer, a new returning officer shall be appointed in accordance with the *Public Service Employment Act* following an open competition."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Rob Anders

Stéphane Bergeron

Benoît Sauvageau: -- 3

NAYS:

Eleni Bakopanos

Marlene Catterall

Gar Knutson

Clifford Lincoln

Carolyn Parrish

John Richardson: -- 6

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 29, be amended by replacing lines 40 to 42 on page 18 with the following:

"office for any other reason, a new assistant returning officer shall be appointed in accordance with the *Public Service Employment Act* following an open competition."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Rob Anders

Stéphane Bergeron

Benoît Sauvageau: -- 3

NAYS:

Eleni Bakopanos

Marlene Catterall

Gar Knutson

Clifford Lincoln

Carolyn Parrish

John Richardson: -- 6

Clause 28 stood.

On Clause 30, by unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That Clause 30 previously carried this day, be reconsidered.

On Clause 30,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 30, be amended by replacing lines 18 to 21 on page 19 with the following:

"(2) A returning officer shall establish an office in each area designated by the Chief Electoral

Officer.

(2.1) An additional assistant returning officer shall be appointed in accordance with the *Public Service Employment Act* following an open competition."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on division.

Clause 30 carried on division.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 19

Monday, November 29, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-2, An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts

WITNESSES:

Elections Canada:

Diane Bruyère, Assistant Director of Operations, Electoral Coordinator;

Tom McMahon, Acting Director, Legal Services.

Privy Council Office:

Isabelle Mondou, Privy Council Officer, Legislation and House Planning;

Michael Peirce, Director, Legal Operations.

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Meeting No. 19

Monday, November 29, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 3:41 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Stéphane Bergeron, Ray Bonin, Marlene Catterall, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish, Jerry Pickard, John Richardson and John Solomon.

Acting Members present: Marlene Jennings for Eleni Bakopanos from 5:43 to 5:33 p.m.; Peter Adams for Bob Kilger from 6:41 p.m.; John Finlay for Bob Kilger from 5:37 to 5:45 p.m.; Ted White for Chuck Strahl; Rob Anders for Randy White; Jean-Guy Chrétien for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral from 5:38 p.m.; Pauline Picard for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral to 5:38 p.m.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Privy Council Office: Michael Peirce, Director of Legal Operations, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel; Isabelle Mondou, Counsel, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel. *From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:* Tom McMahon, Acting Director, Legal Services and Registrar of Political Parties; Diane Bruyère, Assistant Director of Operations.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 19, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-2, An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, October 26, 1999, Meeting No. 3*).

The Committee proceeded to Clause-by-Clause consideration of the Bill.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of Clause 1 is postponed.

On Clause 33,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 33, be amended by replacing line 15 on page 20 with the following:

"within seven days after receipt of the request,"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 33, be amended by replacing line 28 on page 20 with the following:

"consist of persons recom-"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 33, be amended by adding after line 29 on page 20 the following:

"(3.1) A returning officer may, on reasonable grounds, refuse to appoint a revising agent recommended under subsection (1) and, where the appointment of a recommended person is refused, the returning officer shall immediately record the reasons for the decision in a report and cause a copy to be sent forthwith to

(a) the person whose appointment was refused; and

(b) the registered party that provided the name of the person.

(3.2) The registered party referred to in paragraph (3.1)(b) may, within 48 hours after being advised of the refusal, provide the names of other persons, and, if the registered party does not provide other names within this time, the returning officer shall proceed to appoint another person whose name is solicited from another source."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 33, be amended by replacing lines 30 to 34 on page 20 with the following:

"(4) A returning officer may replace a revising agent at any time and, where a revising agent is replaced, shall immediately record the reasons for the decision in a report and cause a copy of the report to be sent forthwith to

(a) the person replaced; and

(b) the registered parties whose candidates finished first and second in the last election in the electoral district.

(4.1) The former revising agent shall return all election materials in his or her possession to the returning officer."

The question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Clause 33 carried on division.

On Clause 34,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 34, be amended by replacing line 8 on page 21 with the following:

"remove a deputy returning officer and, where a deputy returning officer is replaced, shall immediately record the reasons for the decision in a report and cause a copy of the report to be sent forthwith to

(a) the person removed; and

(b) the candidate of the registered party whose candidate finished first in the electoral district in the last election."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Clause 34 carried on division.

On Clause 35,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 35, be amended by replacing line 16 on page 21 with the following:

"remove a poll clerk and, where a poll clerk is removed, shall immediately record the reasons for the decision in a report and cause a copy of the report to be sent forthwith to
(a) the person removed; and
(b) the candidate of the registered party whose candidate finished second in the electoral district in the last election."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Clause 35 carried on division.

On Clause 36,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 36, be amended by replacing line 20 on page 21 with the following:

"have not, by the 15th day before polling day,"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 36, be amended by replacing, in the French version, line 25 on page 21 with the following:

" scrutateurs et des greffiers du scrutin manquants à partir "

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was stood.

Clause 36 stood.

On Clause 37,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 37, be amended by replacing lines 27 and 28 on page 21 with the following:

"by a candidate and, where the appointment of a deputy returning officer or a poll clerk is refused, shall immediately record the reasons for the decision in a report and cause a copy of the report to be sent forthwith to
(a) the person recommended; and
(b) the candidate."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 37, be amended by replacing line 29 on page 21 with the following:

"(2) The candidate may, within 48 hours"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Clause 37 carried on division.

On Clause 39,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 39, be amended by replacing, in the English version, line 10 on page 22 with the following:

"each registration desk, a registration officer"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Eleni Bakopanos

Ray Bonin

Marlene Catterall

André Harvey

Bob Kilger

Gar Knutson

Carolyn Parrish

Jerry Pickard

John Richardson

John Solomon

Ted White -- (11)

NAYS:

Rob Anders

Stéphane Bergeron

Pauline Picard -- (3)

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 39, be amended by replacing, in the French version, line 22 on page 22 with the following:

"ment de noms, il peut obtenir les noms manquants d'autres"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 39, be amended by replacing lines 25 and 26 on page 22 with the following:

"(4) The returning officer shall appoint half of the registration"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was stood.

Clause 39 stood.

Clause 40 carried.

On Clause 44,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in clause 44, be amended by replacing line 20 on page 24 with the following:

"surname, given names, telephone number, where not confidential, civic

By unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 44, be amended by replacing line 20 on page 24 with the following:

"surname, given names, sex, date of birth, telephone number, where not confidential, civic"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Rob Anders

Stéphane Bergeron

André Harvey

Pauline Picard

Jerry Pickard

John Solomon

Ted White -- (7)

NAYS:

Marlene Catterall

Bob Kilger

Gar Knutson

Carolyn Parrish

John Richardson -- (5)

John Solomon moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 44, be amended by replacing line 21 on page 24 with the following:

"address, mailing address, occupation and telephone number where not confidential and any other in-

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Clause 44, as amended, carried.

On Clause 45,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in clause 45, be amended by replacing line 36 on page 24 with the following:

"elector's surname, given names, telephone number, where not confidential, civic address"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 45, as amended, carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Rob Anders

Stéphane Bergeron

Ray Bonin

Marlene Catterall

André Harvey

Bob Kilger

Gar Knutson

Pauline Picard

Jerry Pickard

Ted White -- (10)

NAYS:

Carolyn Parrish

John Richardson

John Solomon -- (3)

On Clause 46,

John Solomon moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 46, be amended by replacing line 35 on page 25 with the following:

"Electoral Officer; or
(iii) obtained from the returning officers from censuses carried out under subsection (3); and"

By unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

John Solomon moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 46, be amended by replacing lines 25 and 26 on page 25 with the following:

"date of birth, civic address, mailing address, occupation and telephone number of electors included in the Register"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Rob Anders

André Harvey

John Solomon -- (3)

NAYS:

Ray Bonin

Marlene Catterall

Bob Kilger

Gar Knutson

Carolyn Parrish

Jerry Pickard

John Richardson

Ted White -- (8)

John Solomon moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 46, be amended by adding after line 38 on page 26 the following:

"(3) Where the returning officer considers it appropriate, the returning officer may require the revising agents to carry out a census in the prescribed manner of the electors in high-density buildings.

(4) The Chief Electoral Officer may make such regulations as in the Chief Electoral Officer's opinion seem necessary for the purposes of subsection (3)."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Clause 46 carried.

On Clause 47,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 47, be amended by replacing line 42 on page 25 with the following:

"under this Act, other than information in relation to an elector with respect to whom an application has been granted under subsection 233(1.1)."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 47, as amended, carried.

On Clause 48,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 48, be amended by replacing lines 11 and 12 on page 26 with the following:

"along with a signed certification that he or she is qualified as an elector under section 3."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 48, as amended, carried.

Clause 49 stood.

On Clause 52,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 52, be amended by replacing line 9 on page 27 with the following:

"52. The Chief Electoral Officer shall delete"

The question being put on the amendment, it was stood.

Clause 52 stood.

On Clause 53,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in clause 53, be amended by replacing line 21 on page 27 with the following:

"shall be used only for electoral"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Clause 53 carried on division.

Clause 56 stood.

Clause 57 stood.

Clause 59 carried.

On Clause 66,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 66, be amended by replacing lines 3 to 7 on page 34 with the following:

"(b) the name or part of the name shall not be replaced by a nickname;"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was stood.

Clause 66 stood.

At 6:22 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 6:51 p.m., the sitting resumed.

On Clause 67,

Ted White moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 67, be amended by replacing line 1 on page 35 with the following:

"(a) a deposit of \$200;"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Clause 67 carried on division.

On Clause 82,

André Harvey moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 82, be amended by replacing line 30 on page 38 with the following:

"candidate from the time during an election period that he or she accepts a"

By unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

Clause 82 carried.

On the new Clause (85.1)

André Harvey moved, -- That Bill C-2 be amended by adding after line 25 on page 39 the following new clause:

"85.1 Subject to sections 84 and 85, a person may be appointed as official agent or auditor for a candidate notwithstanding that the person is a member of a partnership that has been appointed as an auditor, in accordance with this Act for
(a) a candidate in an electoral district other than the electoral district of the candidate for whom the appointment is being made; or
(b) a registered party."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 85, as amended, carried.

On Clause 93,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in clause 93, be amended by replacing line 23 on page 40 with the following:

"contain only the names, telephone number, where not confidential and addresses of"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 93, be amended by replacing lines 26 and 27 on page 40 with the following:

"the electors."

By unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

Clause 93, as amended, carried.

On Clause 94,

John Solomon moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 94, be amended (a) by replacing line 34 on page 40 with the following:

"94. (1) Each returning officer shall, on receipt"

(b) by adding after line 39 on page 40 the following:

"(2) On the request of a candidate, the returning officer may provide a maximum of four additional printed copies of the preliminary lists of electors."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 94, as amended, carried.

On Clause 101,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 101, be amended by replacing lines 37 to 43 on page 42 and lines 1 to 21 on page 43 with the following:

"elector to the preliminary list of electors where the elector
(a) appears at a revisal office;
(b) gives the duly completed registration form to a person authorized to receive it; and
(c) provides satisfactory proof of identity.
(2) An elector whose name is added to a preliminary list of electors under subsection (1) may request that his name or her name not be included in the Register of Electors.
(3) The previous address of an elector whose name is added to a preliminary list of electors under subsection (1)"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 101, be amended (a) by replacing line 27 on page 43 with the following:

"(4) Subject to subsection (4.1), the returning officer or assistant return-"

(b) by adding after line 38 on page 43 the following:

"(4.1) The returning officer or assistant returning officer shall not delete the name of a person to whom the returning officer has sent a notice of conformation of registration under subsection 95 (1) from a preliminary list of electors, in the cases described in paragraphs (4) (c) and (d), unless the returning officer has first
(a) notified the person regarding the allegedly invalid information; and
(b) heard the representations of the person regarding the allegedly invalid information."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Clause 101 carried on division.

Clause 102 carried on division.

On Clause 103,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 103, be amended by replacing line 24 on page 44 with the following:

"103. (1) No later than the 6th day before"

By unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

Clause 103 carried.

On Clause 104,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 104, be amended by replacing lines 21 to 31

on page 45 with the following:

"subsection 103 (1), the returning officer shall

(a) request revising agents to attend at the address of the person objected to given on the list of electors and to any other address indicated on the affidavit of objection; and

(b) may examine the elector on oath who made the objection, the person against whom it was made - if that person wishes to present their position - and any witness present.

(1.1) the returning officer shall make a decision on the basis of the information so obtained."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 104, be amended by replacing, in the English version, lines 22 and 23 on page 45 with the following:

"examine on oath the elector who made the objection, the person against whom it was"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 104, be amended by replacing lines 38 and 39 on page 45 with the following:

"tion from proving, to the returning officer on a balance of probabilities, that the name of the person"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 104, as amended, carried.

On Clause 105,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 105, be amended by

(a) replacing line 1 on page 46 with the following: "105.(1) Each returning officer shall, on the" (b) adding after line 4 on page 46 the following: "(2) The Chief Electoral Officer shall, not later than the 7th day before polling day, determine the number of names appearing on the revised lists of electors for each electoral district and cause that information to be published in the Canada Gazette."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 105, as amended, carried.

Clause 107 carried.

On Clause 109,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 109, be amended (a) by replacing lines 4 and 5 on page 47 with the following:

"(2) The Chief electoral Officer shall deliver four copies, including one copy in electronic form,"

(b) by deleting lines 11 to 18 on page 47.

By unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

Clause 109 stood.

On Clause 110,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 110, be amended by replacing line 28 on page 47 with the following:

"(a) communicating with his or her electors; and (b) in the case of a member of a registered party, soliciting contributions for the use of the registered party and recruiting party members."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Peter Adams

Eleni Bakopanos

Ray Bonin

Marlene Catterall

Gar Knutson

Jerry Pickard

John Richardson -- (7)

NAYS:

Stéphane Bergeron

Jean-Guy Chrétien

John Solomon

Ted White -- (4)

Clause 110 as amended carried on division.

Clause 111 carried on division.

On Clause 112,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 112, be amended by replacing line 34 on page 48 with the following:

"officers and poll clerks appointed to act in the electoral"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 112, as amended, carried.

On Clause 120,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 120, be amended by replacing line 10 on page 52 with the following:

"(2) No later than 3 days before a polling day, a returning officer may, with the prior"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 120, as amended, carried.

On Clause 128,

John Solomon moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 128, be amended by replacing line 20 on page 55 with the following:

"electoral district in the Newfoundland or Atlantic time zone;
(a.1) from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., if the electoral district is in the Central time zone;"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was stood.

Clause 128 stood.

Clause 129 carried.

Clause 130 carried.

On Clause 132,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 132, be amended by replacing lines 22 to 27 on page 56 with the following:

"to have four consecutive hours for the purpose of casting his or her vote and, if his or her hours of work do not allow for those four consecutive hours, his or her employer shall allow the time for voting that is necessary to provide those four consecutive hours."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Clause 132 carried on division.

On Clause 134,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in clause 134, be amended by replacing line 17 on page 57 with the following:

"employ of the four consecutive hours for "

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Stéphane Bergeron

Jean-Guy Chrétien -- (2)

NAYS:

Peter Adams

Eleni Bakopanos

Ray Bonin

Marlene Catterall

Carolyn Parrish

Jerry Pickard

John Richardson

Ted White -- (8)

Clause 134 carried on division.

On Clause 135,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 135, be amended by replacing line 38 on page 57 with the following:

"tive shall present his or her written authoriza-"

By unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

Clause 135 carried.

On Clause 138,

Marlene Catterall moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 138, be amended by deleting from line 13 on page 59 the word "lead".

The question being put on the amendment, it was stood.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 138, be amended (a) by replacing lines 7 to 15 on page 59 with the following:

"138. (1) The deputy returning officer, in full view of each elector allowed to vote shall, immediately before handing a ballot to the elector, initial the back of the ballot in the space indicated in Form 3 of

Schedule 1, entirely in ink or entirely in black lead pencil so that when the ballot is folded the initials can be seen. The initials shall be as similar as"

(b) by deleting lines 20 to 25 on page 59.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Clause 138 stood.

Clause 143 carried.

On Clause 144,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 144, be amended by replacing, in the French version, line 26 on page 60 with the following:

" identité et de sa résidence. "

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 144, as amended, carried.

On Clause 145,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 145, be amended by deleting lines 1 to 11 on page 61.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Clause 145 carried on division.

Clause 148 carried.

Clause 149 carried.

Clause 155 carried.

On Clause 161,

John Solomon moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 161, be amended by adding after line 4 on page 66 the following:

"(1.1) An elector may, instead of showing satisfactory proof of identity, take the prescribed oath."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was stood.

Clause 161 stood.

On Clause 166,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 166, be amended by deleting lines 23 to 29 on page 68.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Clause 166 carried on division.

At 9:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
36th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, November 30, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-2, An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts

WITNESSES:

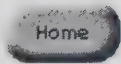
Elections Canada:

Diane Bruyère, Assistant Director, Elections Coordination.

Privy Council Office:

Isabelle Mondou, Official, Privy Council Office, Legislation and Parliamentary Planning;

Michael Peirce, Director, Legal Operations, Advisor, Legislation and Parliamentary Planning.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, November 30, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 10:30 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Ray Bonin, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish, Jerry Pickard, John Richardson and John Solomon.

Acting Members present: Paddy Torsney for Eleni Bakopanos from 1:08 p.m.; Wayne Easter for Marlene Catterall from 1:33 p.m.; Wayne Easter for Carolyn Parrish from 1:09 to 1:15 p.m.; Ted White for Chuck Strahl; Rob Anders for Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Privy Council Office: Michael Peirce, Director of Legal Operations, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel; Isabelle Mondou, Counsel, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel.
From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer: Tom McMahon, Acting Director, Legal Services and Registrar of Political Parties; Diane Bruyère, Assistant Director of Operations; Janice Vézina, Director of Election Financing.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 19, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-2, An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, October 26, 1999, Meeting No. 3*).

The Committee proceeded to Clause-by-Clause consideration of the Bill.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of Clause 1 is postponed.

On Clause 195,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 195, be amended by replacing lines 12 to 19 on page 83 with the following:

"(3) A member of the reserve force of the Canadian Forces referred to in subsection (1) or (2) who was not qualified as an elector at an election while on full-time training or service shall, without delay after becoming qualified, complete a statement of ordinary residence in accordance with subsection (1) or (2), as the case may be, that indicates a place of ordinary residence described in subsection (4).

(4) An elector may amend the information in his or her statement of ordinary residence and may

indicate as a place of ordinary residence the civic address of

(a) the place of ordinary residence of a person with whom the elector would live but for his or her being on training or service or a person designated by the elector as next of kin;

(b) the place where the elector is residing by reason of his or her being on training or service; or

(c) the elector's place of ordinary residence immediately before being on training or service.

(5) An elector described in subsection (1), (2) or (3) who has not completed a statement of ordinary residence in accordance with subsection (1) or (2), as the case may be, may do so at any time.

(6) An amendment to a statement of ordinary residence takes effect

(a) if it is made during an election period, 14 days after polling day; and

(b) if it is made at any other time, 60 days after the commanding officer of the elector's unit receives it.

(7) In addition to the information specified in subsection (1), the Chief Electoral"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 195, as amended, carried.

Clause 222 carried.

Clause 226 carried.

On Clause 227,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 227, be amended by replacing line 6 on page 93 with the following:

"or her choice on the ballot or, if the elector does not know the name, the candidate's political affiliation."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Rob Anders

Stéphane Bergeron

André Harvey

John Solomon

Ted White -- (5)

NAYS:

Eleni Bakopanos

Ray Bonin

Marlene Catterall

Bob Kilger

Gar Knutson

Carolyn Parrish

Jerry Pickard

John Richardson -- (8)

Clause 227 carried on division.

On Clause 233,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 233, be amended by adding after line 29 on page 94 the following:

"(1.1) An elector who would be under reasonable apprehension of bodily harm if he or she were to indicate the mailing address of his or her dwelling place for the purpose of paragraph (1)(d) may apply to the returning officer or special voting rules administrator to use another address for that purpose. The returning officer or special voting rules administrator, unless he or she considers that it would not be in the public interest to do so, shall grant the application and shall not reveal that other address except as required to send the special ballot to the elector. For greater certainty, the granting of the application does not change the elector's place of ordinary residence for the purposes of this Act."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 233 carried.

Clause 243 stood.

Clause 253 carried.

Clause 254 carried.

Clause 255 carried.

Clauses 256 through 260 carried severally.

Clause 273 carried.

Clause 277 stood.

On Clause 283,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 283, be amended by replacing lines 9 to 11 on page 110 with the following:

"supply the poll clerk and all the persons referred to in subsection (1) who are present and who so request with a tally sheet to keep their own"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 283, as amended, carried.

Clause 318 carried on division.

On Clause 319,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 319, be amended by replacing lines 14 to 18 on page 124 with the following:

"election period of an advertising message that promotes or opposes a registered party or the election of a candidate, including one that takes a position on an issue with which a registered party or candidate is associated. For greater certainty, it does not"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted on division.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 319, be amended by replacing line 32 on page 124 with the following:

"members or shareholders, as"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 319, be amended by replacing line 39 on page 124 with the following:

"how electors voted or will vote at an election or re-"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted on division.

Clause 319, as amended, carried on division.

Clause 321 carried.

On Clause 323,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 323, be amended by replacing lines 1 to 4 on page 126 with the following:

"323. (1) No person shall knowingly transmit election advertising to the public in an electoral district on polling day before the close of all of the polling stations in the electoral district."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 323 carried on division.

On Clause 324,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 324, be amended by replacing line 24 on page 126 with the following:

"signs, posters or banners."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 324, as amended, carried.

On Clause 325,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 325, be amended by

(a) replacing line 25 on page 126 with the following:

"325. (1) No person shall prevent or impair the"

(b) adding after line 28 on page 126 the following:

"(2) Subsection (1) does not apply with respect to

(a) the prevention or impairment, by a public authority, of an unlawful transmission; or (b) the removal by an employee of a public authority of a billboard, poster or banner where the posting of it is a hazard to public safety."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was stood.

Clause 325 stood.

On Clause 326,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 326, be amended

(a) by adding after line 2 on page 127 the following:

"(e.1) the wording of the survey questions in respect of which data is obtained

(b) by replacing lines 6 to 12 on page 127 with the following:

"in subsection (1), the means by which a report referred to in subsection (3) may be obtained must be provided in the case of a transmission to the public by means other than broadcasting."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 326, be amended by replacing line 3 on page 127 with the following:

"(f) the margin of error in"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

At 12:08 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:38 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Clause 326 carried.

Clause 327 carried on division.

On Clause 328,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 328, be amended by replacing lines 21 to 29 on page 128 with the following:

"328. (1) No person shall knowingly cause to be transmitted to the public, in an electoral district on polling day before the close of all of the polling stations in that electoral district, the results of an election survey that have not previously been transmitted to the public.

(2) No person shall transmit to the public, in an electoral district on polling day before the close of all of the polling stations in that electoral district, the results of an election survey that have not previously been transmitted to the public."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 328, be amended by replacing line 23 on page 128 with the following:

"all polling stations, shall cause the"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Clause 328 carried on division.

On Clause 329,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 329, be amended by replacing lines 33 to 36 on page 128 with the following:

"329. No person shall transmit the result or purported result of the vote in an electoral district to the public in another electoral district before the close of all of the polling stations in that other electoral district."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 329 carried on division.

On Clause 331,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 331, be amended by replacing line 16 on page 129 with the following:

"particular candidate, political party or option unless the person is"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Clause 331 carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Ray Bonin

Wayne Easter

Bob Kilger

Gar Knutson

Carolyn Parrish

John Richardson

Paddy Torsney -- (7)

NAYS:

Rob Anders

Stéphane Bergeron

Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral

André Harvey

John Solomon

Ted White -- (6)

Clauses 332 through 337 carried severally.

At 1:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
36th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, November 30, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-2, An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts

WITNESSES:

Elections Canada:

Diane Bruyère, Assistant Director of Operations, Elections Coordinator.

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:

Janice Vézina, Director, Elections Financing.

Privy Council Office:

Isabelle Mondou, Counsel, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel;

Michael Peirce, Director, Legal Operations, Advisor, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, November 30, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 7:16 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, André Harvey, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Grant McNally, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson and John Solomon.

Acting Members present: Beth Phinney for Marlene Catterall; Carolyn Bennett for Bob Kilger; Judi Longfield for Jerry Pickard; Pat O'Brien for Ray Bonin; Ted White for Chuck Strahl; Rob Anders for Randy White.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Privy Council Office: Michael Peirce, Director of Legal Operations, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel; Isabelle Mondou, Counsel, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel. *From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:* Tom McMahon, Acting Director, Legal Services and Registrar of Political Parties; Janice Vézina, Director of Election Financing; Diane Bruyère, Assistant Director of Operations.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 19, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-2, An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, October 26, 1999, Meeting No. 3*).

The Committee proceeded to Clause-by-Clause consideration of the Bill.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of Clause 1 is postponed.

Clause 339 carried.

Clauses 340 through 344 carried severally on division.

Clauses 345 through 348 carried severally on division.

On Clause 338,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 338, be amended by deleting lines 16 to 23 on page 132.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Rob Anders

Stéphane Bergeron

Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral

André Harvey

Ted White -- (5)

NAYS:

Eleni Bakopanos

Carolyn Bennett

Gar Knutson

Judi Longfield

Pat O'Brien

Carolyn Parrish

Beth Phinney

John Richardson -- (8)

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 338, be amended by deleting lines 39 to 43 on page 132.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 338, be amended by replacing lines 11 and 12 on page 133 with the following:

"registered party, the allocation may be modified,"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Clause 338 carried on division.

On Clause 349,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 349, be amended by replacing line 17 on page 140 with the following:

"advertising message,
and includes expenses incurred in an activity directly related to a general election."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Stéphane Bergeron

Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral -- (2)

NAYS:

Rob Anders

Eleni Bakopanos

Carolyn Bennett

Gar Knutson

Judi Longfield

Pat O'Brien

Carolyn Parrish

Beth Phinney

John Richardson

Ted White -- (10)

Clause 349 carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Eleni Bakopanos

Carolyn Bennett

Stéphane Bergeron

Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral

André Harvey

Gar Knutson

Judi Longfield

Pat O'Brien

Carolyn Parrish

Beth Phinney

John Richardson -- (11)

NAYS:

Rob Anders

Ted White -- (2)

On Clause 350,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 350, be amended by replacing line 25 on page 141 with the following:

"than \$3,000 in a given electoral district during the election period of a"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Eleni Bakopanos

Carolyn Bennett

Stéphane Bergeron

Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral

Gar Knutson

Judi Longfield

Pat O'Brien

Carolyn Parrish

Beth Phinney

John Richardson -- (10)

NAYS:

Rob Anders

André Harvey

Ted White -- (3)

Clause 350 carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Eleni Bakopanos

Carolyn Bennett

Stéphane Bergeron

Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral

Gar Knutson

Judi Longfield

Pat O'Brien

Carolyn Parrish

Beth Phinney

John Richardson -- (10)

NAYS:

Rob Anders

André Harvey

Ted White -- (3)

Clause 351 carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Eleni Bakopanos

Carolyn Bennett

Stéphane Bergeron

Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral

Gar Knutson

Judi Longfield

Pat O'Brien

Carolyn Parrish

Beth Phinney

John Richardson -- (10)

NAYS:

Rob Anders

André Harvey

Ted White -- (3)

Clause 352 carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Eleni Bakopanos

Carolyn Bennett

Stéphane Bergeron

Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral

Gar Knutson

Judi Longfield

Pat O'Brien

Carolyn Parrish

Beth Phinney

John Richardson -- (10)

NAYS:

Rob Anders

Ted White -- (2)

On Clause 353,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 353, be amended by replacing lines 43 to 46 on page 141 with the following:

"353. (1) A third party shall register before the issue of the writ."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Stéphane Bergeron

· Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral -- (2)

NAYS:

Rob Anders

Eleni Bakopanos

Carolyn Bennett

Ray Bonin

André Harvey

Gar Knutson

Judi Longfield

Carolyn Parrish

Beth Phinney

John Richardson

Ted White -- (11)

Clause 353 carried on division.

Clause 354 carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Eleni Bakopanos

Carolyn Bennett

Stéphane Bergeron

Ray Bonin

Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral

Gar Knutson

Judi Longfield

Carolyn Parrish

Beth Phinney

John Richardson

John Solomon -- (11)

NAYS:

Rob Anders

André Harvey

Ted White -- (3)

Clause 356 carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Eleni Bakopanos

Carolyn Bennett

Stéphane Bergeron

Ray Bonin

Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral

Gar Knutson

Judi Longfield

Carolyn Parrish

Beth Phinney

John Richardson

John Solomon -- (11)

NAYS:

Rob Anders

André Harvey

Ted White -- (3)

Clause 357 carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Eleni Bakopanos

Carolyn Bennett

Stéphane Bergeron

Ray Bonin

Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral

Gar Knutson

Judi Longfield

Carolyn Parrish

Beth Phinney

John Richardson

John Solomon -- (11)

NAYS:

Rob Anders

André Harvey

Ted White -- (3)

On Clause 359,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 359, be amended by replacing lines 32 to 37 on page 146 with the following:

"(7) The election advertising report shall include a list of the names of every contributor who donated a total of more than \$200 to the third party in the period beginning six months before the issue of the writ and ending on polling day, regardless of whether the contribution was for election advertising purposes."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Stéphane Bergeron

Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral

John Solomon -- (3)

NAYS:

Rob Anders

Eleni Bakopanos

Carolyn Bennett

Ray Bonin

André Harvey

Gar Knutson

Judi Longfield

Carolyn Parrish

Beth Phinney

John Richardson

Ted White -- (11)

Clause 359 carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Eleni Bakopanos

Carolyn Bennett

Stéphane Bergeron

Ray Bonin

Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral

Gar Knutson

Judi Longfield

Carolyn Parrish

Beth Phinney

John Richardson

John Solomon -- (11)

NAYS:

Rob Anders

André Harvey

Ted White -- (3)

Clause 361 carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Eleni Bakopanos

Carolyn Bennett

Stéphane Bergeron

Ray Bonin

Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral

Gar Knutson

Judi Longfield

Carolyn Parrish

Beth Phinney

John Richardson

John Solomon -- (11)

NAYS:

Rob Anders

André Harvey

Ted White -- (3)

Clause 370 carried.

On Clause 375,

Eleni Bakopanos moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 375, be amended by replacing lines 15 to 21 on page 151 with the following:

"(2) A registered party shall, for the purposes of subsection 127(3) of the *Income Tax Act* and for such other purposes as the party may specify, appoint a person, to be known as an electoral district agent, to act as its registered agent in any electoral district where the party's electoral district association in that district has recommended such an appointment."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Clause 375 carried.

On Clause 376,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 376, be amended (a) by replacing lines 34 to

36 on page 151 with the following:

or

"(a) a registered agent of a registered party

(b) an agent of an eligible";

(b) by adding after line 37 on page 151 the following:

"(1.1) A corporation incorporated under the laws of Canada or a province is not eligible to be a chief agent."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

André Harvey moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 376, be amended by replacing line 43 on page 151 with the following:

"(c) subject to subsection (1), a person who is not an elector; and"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 376, as amended, carried.

On Clause 382,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 382, be amended by replacing, in the English version, lines 17 to 19 on page 153 with the following:

"a report made during an election period; and

(b) the day on which the report was"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 382 stood.

On Clause 385,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 385, be amended by replacing, in the English version, lines 19 to 21 on page 154 with the following:

"that, after notice of confirmation of nomination is given under subsection 71(1), has not endorsed a candidate in at least 50 electoral districts in"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 385 carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Eleni Bakopanos

Carolyn Bennett

Marlene Catterall

Gar Knutson

Judi Longfield

Carolyn Parrish

John Richardson -- (7)

NAYS:

Rob Anders

Stéphane Bergeron

Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral

André Harvey

John Solomon

Ted White -- (6)

On Clause 389,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 389, be amended by replacing, in the French version, line 35 on page 155 with the following:

" délais suivants, après réception de "

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 389, as amended, carried.

Clause 394 carried.

Clauses 395 through 398 carried severally.

On Clause 399,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 399, be amended by replacing, in the French version, lines 3 and 4 on page 160 with the following:

" les trois mois suivant la date de production de l'état visé au paragraphe (3). "

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 399, as amended, carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Eleni Bakopanos

Carolyn Bennett

Stéphane Bergeron

Ray Bonin

Marlene Catterall

Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral

André Harvey

Gar Knutson

Judi Longfield

Carolyn Parrish

John Richardson

John Solomon -- (12)

NAYS:

Rob Anders

Ted White -- (2)

On Clause 404,

André Harvey moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 404, be amended by replacing, in the English version, line 13 on page 162 with the following:

"make a contribution to a registered party, to one of its"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted on division.

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 404, be amended by replacing, in the English version, lines 29 to 31 on page 162 with the following:

"days after becoming aware of the ineligibility, return the contribution unused to the contributor or, if that is not possible, pay the amount"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 404, as amended, carried on division.

Clause 405 stood.

On Clause 407,

André Harvey moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 407, be amended by replacing line 30 on page 163 with the following:

"or a candidate during an election period but does not include a personal expense."

By unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 407, be amended by deleting lines 31 to 37 on page 163.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negated.

John Solomon moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 407, be amended by adding after line 6 on page 164 the following:

"(b.1) carrying out an election survey requested by a registered party or by an electoral district association of the registered party, whether or not the results of the survey were published;"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negated.

John Solomon moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 407, be amended by adding after line 20 on page 167 the following:

"(5) The maximum amount that is allowed for an election of election expenses that are expenses for a fund-raising activity or to directly promote the nomination of a person as a candidate, or that are related to such fund-raising and promotional activities, is \$5.00 multiplied by the number of registered eligible members of an electoral district association.

(6) The Chief Electoral Officer may make regulations defining, for the purposes of subsection (5), the expression "registered eligible member".

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negated on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Eleni Bakopanos

John Solomon -- (2)

NAYS:

Rob Anders

Carolyn Bennett

Ray Bonin

Marlene Catterall

André Harvey

Gar Knutson

Judi Longfield

Carolyn Parrish

John Richardson

Ted White -- (10)

John Solomon moved, -- That Bill C-2 be amended by adding after line 20 on page 167 the following new clause:

"**407.1** (1) Subject to subsection (2), any expense incurred in accordance with the guidelines established by the Chief Electoral Officer made under subsection (4) by the leader of a registered party in a leadership race to become the leader of the party, is deemed to be an election expense. (2) The maximum amount that is allowed for an election expense referred to in subsection (1) is the product of \$25.00 multiplied by the number of registered delegates with approved voting credentials who were part of the convention that elected the leader of a registered party to that position. (3) The Chief Electoral Officer may make regulations defining what constitutes "approved voting credentials" for the purpose of subsection (2). (4) The Chief Electoral Officer shall establish guidelines in respect of election expenses referred to in subsection (1)."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral

John Solomon -- (2)

NAYS:

Rob Anders

Eleni Bakopanos

Carolyn Bennett

Ray Bonin

Marlene Catterall

Gar Knutson

Judi Longfield

Carolyn Parrish

John Richardson

Ted White -- (10)

Clause 407 carried on division.

On Clause 408,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 408, be amended by replacing lines 21 to 23 on page 164 with the following:

"price of the ticket."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Clause 408 carried on division.

On Clause 409

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 409, be amended by replacing line 27 on page 164 with the following:

"ably incurred for the candidate's travel, living and childcare expenses, expenses in relation to the care of any person with a mental or physical disability who is dependant on and living with the candidate,"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was stood.

Clause 409 stood.

At 9:22 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:35 p.m., the sitting resumed.

On Clause 410,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 410, be amended by replacing, in the English version, line 3 on page 165 with the following:

"(2) Where an expense of less than \$50 was"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 410, as amended, carried.

On Clause 414,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 414, be amended by replacing, in the English version, line 10 on page 167 with the following:

"factor that shall be in effect for a period of one year beginning on"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 414, as amended, carried.

Clause 419 carried.

Clause 420 carried.

Clause 421 carried.

On Clause 422,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 422, be amended by replacing lines 32 to 35 on page 169 with the following:

"names on the preliminary lists of electors for electoral districts in which the registered party has endorsed a candidate or by the number of names on the revised lists of electors for those electoral districts, whichever is greater, and"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 422, as amended, carried on division.

On Clause 424,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in clause 424, be amended by replacing line 21 on page 171 with the following:

"deficit in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, including a statement of"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in clause 424, be amended by replacing line 28 on page 171 with the following:

"revenues and expenses in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 424, be amended by

a. replacing lines 24 and 25 on page 170 with the following:

"(b) the auditor's report on the financial transactions return made under subsection 426(1);"

b. replacing line 30 on page 170 with the following:

"section 428 and the auditor's report on it made under subsection 426(1)."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 424, be amended by replacing line 44 on page 171 with the following:

"the registered party but returned in whole or in part to the"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Eleni Bakopanos

Carolyn Bennett

Ray Bonin

Marlene Catterall

Gar Knutson

Judi Longfield

Carolyn Parrish

John Richardson

John Solomon -- (9)

NAYS:

Rob Anders

Stéphane Bergeron

Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral

André Harvey

Ted White -- (5)

Clause 424, as amended, carried.

Clause 425 carried on division.

On Clause 426,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 426, be amended by replacing line 23 on page 172 with the following:

"transactions return and trust fund return referred to in section 428 and shall make any ex--"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 426, be amended by replacing line 26 on page 172 with the following:

"presents fairly and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles the information contained in"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 426, be amended by replacing line 33 on page 172 with the following:

"fairly and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles the information contained in the"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 426, as amended, carried on division.

On Clause 428,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 428, be amended by replacing line 12 on page 173 with the following:

"trust fund, its chief"

After debate, by unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 428, be amended by replacing line 14 on page 173 with the following:

"prepare a trust fund return in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles on the financial"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2 be amended by adding after line 6 on page 174 the following new clause:

"**428.1** The auditor of a registered party shall report to its chief agent on the financial transactions return of any trust fund established by the registered party and shall make any examination that will enable the auditor to give an opinion in the report as to whether it presents fairly the information contained in the financial records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Clause 428, as amended, carried on division.

On Clause 434,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 434, be amended by replacing, in the English version, lines 17 and 18 on page 177 with the following:

"sion or correction referred to in subsection (1) is authorized on the date of the order or,"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 434, as amended, carried.

On Clause 435,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 435, be amended by

(a) replacing lines 22 to 29, on page 177, with the following:

"435.(1) On receipt from a registered party of the documents referred to in subsection 429(1), and where fewer than thirty percent of the total number of the candidates elected, who were endorsed by the registered party in an election to which these documents refer, are women, the Chief Electoral Officer shall provide the Receiver General with a certificate in respect of the registered party that sets out the amount that is 22.5% of the election expenses of the registered party, as set out in the return for its general election expenses, if"

(b) adding the following after line 43 on page 177:

"(2) On receipt from a registered party of the documents referred to in subsection 429(1), and where at least thirty percent of the total number of candidates elected, who were endorsed by the registered party in the election to which these documents refer, are women, the Chief Electoral Officer shall provide the Receiver General with a certificate in respect of the registered party that sets out the amount that corresponds to the percentage of the total number of candidates elected who were endorsed by a registered party and are women, up to fifty percent of the election expenses of the registered party, as set out in the return for its general elections expenses, if

(a) the Chief Electoral Officer is satisfied that the registered party and its chief agent have complied with the requirements of sections 429 to 434;

(b) the auditor's report does not include a statement referred to in subsection 430(2); and

(c) candidates endorsed by the registered party received at least (i) 2% of the number of valid votes cast at the election, or (ii) 5% of the number of valid votes cast in the electoral districts in which the registered party endorsed a candidate."

(c) by replacing line 1 on page 178 with the following: "

(3) On receipt of the certificate referred to in subsections (1) or (2), the Receiver-

The Chair advised Mr. Bergeron that his proposed amendment required a Royal Recommendation and was ruled out of order.

Clause 435 stood.

On Clause 437,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 437, be amended by replacing lines 20 and 21 on page 178 with the following:

"(2) The account must name the account"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 437, be amended by replacing in the English version, line 20 on page 178, with the following:

"(2) The account must indicate the date on."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 437, as amended, carried.

On Clause 438,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 438, be amended by replacing line 37 on page 178 with the following:

"electoral district association or a registered party, shall make"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

André Harvey moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 438, be amended by replacing line 9 on page 179 with the following:

"to contributors of monetary contributions to a candidate for"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 438, as amended, carried.

On Clause 439,

André Harvey moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 439, be amended by replacing line 33 on page 179 with the following:

"held during an election period for the principal purpose of nominating a"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 439, as amended, carried on division.

On Clause 441,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 441, be amended by replacing line 19 on page 180 with the following:

"of electors for the electoral district or on the revised lists of electors for the electoral district, whichever is greater:"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 441, as amended, carried on division.

Clause 442 carried.

On Clause 448,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 448, be amended by replacing, in the English version, lines 28 to 30 on page 183 with the following:

"448. (1) On the application of a person with a claim to be paid for a candidate's electoral campaign expense or on the application of the"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 448, as amended, carried on division.

On Clause 449,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 449, be amended by replacing, in the French version, line 15 on page 184 with the following:

"prorogé au titre du paragraphe 447(1) ou de l'article 448,"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 449, as amended, carried on division.

On Clause 450,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 450, be amended (a) by replacing lines 37 to 43 on page 184 with the following:

"secure its payment

or

(c) is the subject of a dispute as to the amount the candidate was liable to pay or the amount that remains unpaid.";

(b) by replacing line 45 on page 184 with the following:

"believes that any of paragraphs (2)(a) to (c)"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Clause 450 carried on division.

Clause 451 stood.

Clause 452 carried.

On Clause 478,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 478, be amended by replacing lines 34 to 38 on page 198 with the following:

"478. (1) A returning officer shall provide each candidate in his or her electoral district with a reasonable number of copies of each form requested by the candidate or by his or her official agent."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 478, as amended, carried.

On Clause 479,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 479, be amended

(a) by replacing lines 31 and 32 on page 199 with the following:

"order the person to leave the office or place."

(b) by replacing lines 38 to 41 on page 199 with the following:

"made it

(a) may use such force as is reasonably necessary to eject the person in respect of whom the order was made from the office or place if the person who made the order believes that the use of such force would not cause physical harm to himself or herself; or

(b) may call on a peace officer to have the person ejected or arrested."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Clause 479 carried on division.

Clause 496 carried.

Clause 497 stood.

On Clause 500,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 500, be amended by replacing line 7 on page 218 with the following:

"under any of subsections 480(1) and (2), sections 481 to 483, subsections"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 500, as amended, carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Eleni Bakopanos

Carolyn Bennett

Stéphane Bergeron

Marlene Catterall

Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral

André Harvey

Gar Knutson

Judi Longfield

Carolyn Parrish

Beth Phinney

John Richardson -- (11)

NAYS:

Rob Anders

Ted White -- (2)

On Clause 502,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 502, be amended by replacing line 19 on page 219 with the following:

"subsection 480(1) (obstructing electoral process) or 480(2) (inciting, conspiring to act in disorderly manner);"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

At 11:06 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
36th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 22

Wednesday, December 1, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of Bill C-2, An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts

WITNESSES:

Elections Canada:

Diane Bruyère, Assistant Director of Operations, Electoral Coordination;

Tom McMahon, Acting Director, Legal Services and Registrar of Political Parties, Legal Services Directorate;

Janice R. Vézina, Director, Election Financing.

Privy Council Office:

Isabelle Mondou, Counsel, Legislation and House Planning;

Michael Peirce, Director, Legal Operations, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Wednesday, December 1st, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 3:48 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Ray Bonin, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish, Jerry Pickard, John Richardson and John Solomon.

Acting Members present: Judi Longfield for Ray Bonin to 4:37 p.m.; Judi Longfield for Bob Kilger from 4:37 p.m.; Ted White for Chuck Strahl; Rob Anders for Randy White; Yves Rocheleau for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral from 4:50 to 5:10 p.m.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Privy Council Office: Michael Peirce, Director of Legal Operations, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel; Isabelle Mondou, Counsel, Legislation and House Planning/Counsel. *From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:* Tom McMahon, Acting Director, Legal Services and Registrar of Political Parties; Diane Bruyère, Assistant Director of Operations; Janice Vézina, Director of Election Financing.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Tuesday, October 19, 1999, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-2, An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Tuesday, October 26, 1999, Meeting No. 3*).

The Committee proceeded to Clause-by-Clause consideration of the Bill.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of Clause 1 is postponed.

On motion of Gar Knutson, it was agreed, - That the Committee give priority to NDP motions at this meeting.

On Clause 49,

John Solomon moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 49, be amended by replacing lines 27 and 28 on page 26 with the following:

"date of birth, civic address, mailing address, occupation and telephone number; and"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Clause 49 stood.

On Clause 56,

John Solomon moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 56, be amended by replacing lines 20 and 21 on page 28 with the following:

"surname, given names, sex, civic address, mailing address, occupation or telephone number for the purpose of having"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

John Solomon -- (1)

NAYS:

Marlene Catterall

Gar Knutson

Judi Longfield

Carolyn Parrish

Jerry Pickard

John Richardson -- (6)

Clauses 56 and 57 stood.

Clause 128 stood.

Clause 409 stood.

On Clause 538,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 538, be amended by replacing lines 16 to 18 on page 231 with the following:

"538. (1) Each polling division shall contain no more than 350 electors."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Clause 538 stood.

On Clause 539,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 539, be amended by replacing, in the English version, line 13 on page 232 with the following:

"(ii) coincides with or includes the whole"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 539 stood.

On the new Clause (553.1)

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2 be amended by adding after line 26 on page 238 the following new clause:

"553.1 (1) The Governor in Council may make regulations defining the expressions "satisfactory proof of identity" and "satisfactory proof of residence".

(2) No regulation made by the Governor in Council under this Act shall come into force unless it has been approved by the committee of the House of Commons that normally considers matters relating to procedure and house affairs."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Clause 553 stood.

On Clause 555,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 555, be amended by replacing line 15 on page 239 with the following:

"it is based in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles; and"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 555 stood.

On Clause 556,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 556, be amended by replacing lines 30 and 31 on page 239 with the following:

"556. Upon the coming into force of this Act"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Clause 556 stood.

On Clause 560,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, - That Bill C-2, in Clause 560, be amended

(a) by replacing line 36 on page 240 with the following:

"(3) Subject to subsection (3.01), there may be deducted from the tax"

(b) by adding after line 20 on page 241 the following:

"(3.01) Where a taxpayer has made a monetary contribution in the year to a registered party or to a candidate whose nomination has been confirmed in an election of a member or members to serve in the House of Commons of Canada and the taxpayer cannot deduct the monetary contribution under that subsection because there was no income tax payable by the taxpayer in the year, the taxpayer is entitled to receive a refund, in respect of the monetary contribution corresponding to an amount calculated in accordance with the formula set out in paragraphs (3)(a) to (c), provided the taxpayer has filed a receipt in respect of each monetary contribution with the Minister as required under subsection (3)."

The Chair advised Mr. Bergeron that his proposed amendment required a Royal Recommendation and was ruled out of order. Subsequently Stéphane Bergeron was permitted to withdraw his motion.

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 560, be amended

(a) by replacing lines 44 and 45 on page 241 with the following:

"the terms "official agent", "registered agent", "registered party" and "writ" have the meanings"

(b) by replacing lines 1 to 6 on page 242 with the following:

"Canada Elections Act.

(4.01) The definitions in this subsection apply in this section.

"candidate" means a person whom a returning officer has, under subsection 71(1) of the *Canada Elections Act*, confirmed as a candidate in an election.

"election" means an election of a member or members to serve in the House of Commons of Canada.

"prospective candidate" means a person who is confirmed as a candidate in an election by a returning officer under subsection 71(1) of the *Canada Elections Act*, during the time from the writ is issued for that election until the day the person is confirmed as a candidate in that election by a returning officer under subsection 71(1) of the *Canada Elections Act*."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Gar Knutson moved, - That Bill C-2, in Clause 560, be amended by replacing lines 5 and 6 on page 243 with the following:

"a person who is candidate in an election or to that person while he or she was a prospective candidate in that election", shall be read as references to"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Eleni Bakopanos moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 560, be amended

(a) by replacing lines 15 to 20 on page 241 with the following:

"is included in the total is proven by filing with the Minister, a receipt that contains prescribed information and is signed

(a) where the contribution was made to a registered party, by a registered agent of the party

(i) who is not an electoral district agent

(b) by replacing lines 43 and 44 on page 241 with the following:

or

(ii) who is the party's electoral district agent for the electoral district where the contribution was made, or
(b) where the contribution was made to a candidate whose nomination has been confirmed, by the official agent of the candidate."

(c) by adding after line 6 on page 242 the following:

"(4) In subsections (3), (3.1), (3.2), (4.1) and (4.01), the terms "electoral district", "official agent", "registered agent";

"(4.01) In subsection (3), "electoral district agent" means a person appointed under subsection 375(2) of the *Canada Elections Act* to act as a registered agent in an electoral district."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 560, be amended by replacing, in the English version, lines 3 and 4 on page 242 with the following:

"firmed" means a person whom the returning officer has, under subsection 71(1)"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 560, as amended, carried on division.

On Clause 2,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in clause 2, be amended by replacing line 44 on page 4 with the following:

"surname, given names, telephone number, where available and not confidential, civic address and "

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing lines 36 to 39 on page 6 with the following:

"their working hours."

By unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

Clause 2 carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Marlene Catterall

Bob Kilger

Gar Knutson

Judi Longfield

Carolyn Parrish

Jerry Pickard

John Richardson -- (7)

NAYS:

Stéphane Bergeron

Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral

Ted White -- (3)

Clause 4 carried.

Clause 13 carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Eleni Bakopanos

Ray Bonin

Marlene Catterall

Judi Longfield

Gar Knutson

Carolyn Parrish

Jerry Pickard

John Richardson -- (8)

NAYS:

Stéphane Bergeron

Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral -- (2)

On the new Clause (24.2)

Ted White moved, -- That Bill C-2 be amended by adding after line 13 on page 17 the following new clause:

"24.1 (1) The Chief Electoral Officer shall hold a competition for the selection of qualified candidates for the purposes of the appointment of returning officers under subsection 24(1).

Competition to be open to public

(2) A competition held under subsection (1) shall be open to all qualified electors, other than persons referred to in subsection 22(3).

(3) The Chief Electoral Officer shall give such notice of a proposed competition as in his or her opinion will give qualified electors a reasonable opportunity of making an application for the position of returning officer.

(4) Applications for the position of returning officer shall be in the prescribed form and shall be made at the prescribed time and verified in the prescribed manner.

(5) The Chief Electoral Officer shall examine and consider all applications for the position of returning officer received within the time prescribed for the receipt of applications and shall select the highest ranking candidates in the competition from among the qualified applicants for the purposes of subsection (4).

24.2 The Chief Electoral Officer may make regulations

(a) prescribing any thing that may be prescribed by section 24.1;

(b) defining the expression "qualified" for the purposes of section 24.1; and

(c) that the Chief Electoral Officer considers necessary to carry out and give effect to section 24.1."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Eleni Bakopanos

Stéphane Bergeron

Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral

Ted White -- (4)

NAYS:

Ray Bonin

Marlene Catterall

Gar Knutson

Judi Longfield

Carolyn Parrish

Jerry Pickard

John Richardson -- (7)

Clause 24 carried.

Clause 16 carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Eleni Bakopanos

Ray Bonin

Marlene Catterall

Gar Knutson

Judi Longfield

Carolyn Parrish

Jerry Pickard

John Richardson -- (8)

NAYS:

Stéphane Bergeron

Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral -- (2)

On Clause 17,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, - That Bill C-2, in clause 17, be amended by replacing lines 21 to 22 on page 12 with the following:

"not be able to vote, the Chief Electoral Officer extend the voting hours at the polling station for a period of time equivalent to the period during which the polling station had to be closed because of the emergency, as long as it does not in any case"

The amendment was stood.

Clause 17 stood.

Clause 18 stood.

Clause 19 carried.

Clause 23 carried on division.

Clause 24 carried.

Clause 25 carried on division.

On Clause 26,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 26, be amended by replacing lines 30 to 34 on page 17 with the following:

"(2) The father, mother, child, spouse's child, brother, half-brother, sister, half-sister, uncle, aunt, cousin, nephew, niece, employee of, or a person who lives with, a returning officer shall not be appointed as an assistant returning officer."

By unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

Clause 26 carried.

Clause 28 carried on division.

On Clause 36,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 36, be amended by replacing, in the French version, line 25 on page 21 with the following:

" scrutateurs et des greffiers du scrutin manquants à partir "

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 36, as amended, carried on division.

On Clause 128,

John Solomon moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 128, be amended by:

(a) replacing line 18 on page 55 with the following:

"128. (1) The voting hours on polling day are"

(b) adding after line 28 on page 55 the following:

"(2) Despite section (1), if polling day is during a time of the year when the rest of the country is observing daylight saving time, the voting hours in Saskatchewan are

(a) in the case of an electoral district in the Central time zone, from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and

(b) in the case of an electoral district in the Mountain time zone, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 128, as amended, carried.

On Clause 161,

John Solomon moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 161, be amended

(a) by replacing lines 2 to 4 on page 66 with the following:

"list of electors may register in person on polling day if

(a) the elector provides satisfactory proof of identity and residence; or

(b) the elector takes an oath in the prescribed form and is accompanied by an elector whose name appears on the list of electors for the same polling division and who vouches for him or her on oath in the prescribed form."

(b) by adding the following after line 27 on page 66:

"(6) No elector shall vouch under paragraph (1)(b) for more than one elector at an election."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 161, as amended, carried on division.

On Clause 39,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 39, be amended by replacing lines 25 to 33 on page 22 with the following:

"(4) The returning officer shall, as far as possible, appoint half of the registration officers from among the persons recommended by each of the candidates under subsection (3). If either of those candidates did not provide a sufficient number of names of suitable persons, his or her registered party's remaining share of the appointments shall be made from among the names solicited by the returning officer from other sources."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted on division.

Clause 39, as amended, carried on division.

On Clause 47,

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That Clause 47 be reconsidered.

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 47, be amended by replacing line 42 on page 25 with the following:

"under this Act, other than information in relation to an elector with respect to whom an application has been granted under subsection 233(1.1)."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 47, as amended, carried.

On Clause 49,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 49, be amended by replacing line 29 on page 26 with the following:

"(c) proof of Canadian citizenship and place of residence supported by official documents."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on division.

Clause 49 carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Eleni Bakopanos

Marlene Catterall

Gar Knutson

Judi Longfield

Carolyn Parrish

Jerry Pickard

John Richardson -- (7)

NAYS:

Rob Anders

Stéphane Bergeron

Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral -- (3)

On Clause 52,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in clause 52, be amended

(a) by replacing line 9 on page 27 with the following:

"52. (1) The Chief Electoral Officer shall delete "

(b) by replacing lines 16 to 17 on page 27 with the following:

"52(2) The Chief Electoral Officer may delete from the Register of Electors the name of any person who fails to comply with a request referred to in paragraph 51 (b) within the 60 days."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 52, as amended, carried.

On Clause 53,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in clause 53, be amended by replacing line 21 on page 27 with the following:

"shall be used only for electoral"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Clause 53 carried on division.

Clauses 56 and 57 carried.

At 6:38 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 7:03 p.m., the sitting resumed.

On Clause 17,

Debate followed on Stéphane Bergeron's proposed amendment. It was agreed to stand the amendment to later in the meeting.

Clause 17 stood.

On Clause 18,

Ted White moved, - That Bill C-2 be amended by adding after line 44 on page 12 the following:

"18.1 The Chief Electoral Officer may carry out studies on voting, including studies respecting alternative voting means, and may devise and test an electronic voting process for future use in a general election or a by-election provided that the process may not be used for an official vote without the prior approval of the committee of the House of Commons that normally considers electoral matters.

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 18, as amended, carried.

On Clause 66,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 66, be amended

(a) by replacing lines 4 and 5 on page 34 with the following:

"replaced by a nickname by which the prospective candidate is publicly known, other than a nickname that could be confused with the name of a political party,"

(b) by adding the following after line 22 on page 34:

"(4) If the returning officer is of the opinion that a nickname referred to in paragraph (2)(b) could be confused with the name of a political party, he or she shall notify the Chief Electoral Officer, who shall determine whether the nickname may be used as provided in that paragraph."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 66, be amended by replacing lines 3 to 7 on page 34 with the following:

"(b) the name or part of the name shall not be replaced by a nickname;"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Clause 66, as amended, carried on division.

On Clause 67,

Ted White moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 67, be amended by replacing line 1 on page 35 with the following:

"(a) a deposit of \$200;"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Rob Anders

Ted White -- (2)

NAYS:

Ray Bonin

Marlene Catterall

Judi Longfield

Carolyn Parrish

Jerry Pickard

John Richardson

John Solomon -- (7)

Clause 67 carried on division.

On Clause 81,

By unanimous consent,.it was agreed, - That Clause 81, previously carried, be reconsidered.

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 81, be amended by replacing lines 20 to 25 on page 38 with the following:

"apartment building, condominium building or other multiple residence, other than a dwelling-house for persons under reasonable apprehension of bodily harm , may prevent a candidate or his or her representative, between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., from

(a) in the case of an apartment building or condominium building, canvassing at the doors to the apartments or units, as the case may be; or"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 81, as amended, carried.

On Clause 93,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in clause 93, be amended by replacing line 23 on page 40 with the following:

"contain only the names, telephone number, where available and not confidential and addresses of"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

Clause 93 carried.

On Clause 109,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 109, be amended by replacing lines 11 to 18 on page 47 with the following:

"(3) On the request of a candidate, the Chief Electoral Officer may provide a maximum of four additional printed copies of the final lists of electors."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 109, as amended, carried.

On Clause 138,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 138, be amended by replacing, in the English version, line 13 on page 59 with the following:

"entirely in ink or entirely in black pencil"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 138, as amended, carried.

On Clause 233,

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That Clause 233, previously carried, be reconsidered.

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 233, be amended by adding after line 29 on page 94 the following:

"(1.1) An elector who would be under reasonable apprehension of bodily harm if he or she were to indicate the mailing address of his or her dwelling place for the purpose of paragraph (1)(d) may apply to the returning officer or special voting rules administrator to use another address for that purpose. The returning officer or special voting rules administrator, unless he or she considers that it would not be in the public interest to do so, shall grant the application and shall not reveal that other address except as required to send the special ballot to the elector. For greater certainty, the granting of the application does not change the elector's place of ordinary residence for the purposes of this Act."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 233, as amended, carried.

On the new Clause (243.1)

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2 be amended by adding after line 10 on page 97 the following:

"243.1 (1) On application of an elector who is unable to read, or who is unable to vote in the manner described in this Division because of a physical disability, and who is unable to personally go to the office of the returning officer because of a physical disability, the designated election officer shall go to the elector's dwelling place and, in the presence of a witness who is chosen by the elector, assist the elector by

(a) completing the declaration on the outer envelope and writing the elector's name where the elector's signature is to be written; and

(b) marking the ballot as directed by the elector in the elector's presence.

(2) The election officer and the witness who assist an elector under subsection (1) shall indicate, by signing the note on the outer envelope, that the elector was assisted."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 243, as amended, carried.

On Clause 277,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 277, be amended by replacing line 11 on page 107 with the following:

"taken a vote under section 243 or 243.1, does not"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 277, as amended, carried.

On Clause 325,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 325, be amended by

(a) replacing line 25 on page 126 with the following:

"325. (1) No person shall prevent or impair the"

(b) adding after line 28 on page 126 the following:

"(2) Subsection (1) does not apply with respect to

(a) the prevention or impairment, by a public authority, of an unlawful transmission; or

(b) the removal by an employee of a public authority of a billboard, poster or banner where the posting of it is a hazard to public safety."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was stood.

Clause 325 stood.

On Clause 346,

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That Clause 346, previously carried, be reconsidered.

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 346, be amended by replacing lines 1 to 18 on page 139 with the following:

"346. The Broadcasting Arbitrator shall, not later than two days after the issue of the writs for a general election, prepare and send to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission a set of guidelines respecting

(a) the allocation of or entitlement to broadcasting time under this Act;

(b) the procedures for booking broadcasting time by registered parties and eligible parties; and

(c) any other matters that may be pertinent to the conduct of broadcasters and network operators under this Act."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted on division.

Clause 346, as amended, carried on division.

On Clause 347,

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That Clause 347, previously carried, be reconsidered.

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 347, be amended by replacing lines 19 to 28 on page 139 with the following:

"347. The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission shall, not later than four days after the issue of the writs for a general election, prepare a set of guidelines respecting the applicability of the Broadcasting Act and the regulations made under that Act to the conduct of broadcasters and network operators in relation to a general election and send them, together with the set of guidelines sent by the Broadcasting Arbitrator under section 346, to all broadcasters and network operators."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted on division.

Clause 347, as amended, carried on division.

Clause 382 carried on division.

Clause 405 stood.

On Clause 409,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 409, be amended by replacing lines 27 to 32 on page 164 with the following:

"ably incurred in relation to his or her campaign and include

(a) travel and living expenses,

(b) childcare expenses

(c) expenses relating to the provision of care for a person with a physical or mental incapacity for whom the candidate normally provides such care; and

(d) in the case of a candidate who has a disability, additional personal expenses that are related to the disability."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 409, be amended by adding after line 32 on page 164 the following:

"(1.1) Personal expenses of a candidate include expenses paid by the candidate

(a) as childcare costs; and

(b) to repay the interest on a loan made to the candidate."

By unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

Clause 409, as amended, carried on division.

On Clause 424,

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That Clause 424, previously carried, be reconsidered.

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 424, be amended

(a) by replacing line 4 on page 171 with the following:

"district association or a trust fund established for the election of a candidate endorsed by the registered party, and that total amount;"

(b) by replacing lines 31 and 32 on page 171 with the following:

"to the candidate endorsed by the registered party, one of its electoral district associations or a trust fund established for the election of the candidate endorsed by the registered party;"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 424, as amended, carried.

On Clause 428,

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That Clause 428, previously carried, be reconsidered.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 428, be amended by replacing lines 32 to 40 on page 173 with the following:

"from the registered party, a trust fund established for the election of a candidate endorsed by the

registered party or its electoral district associations, by electoral district;

(e) a statement, in accordance with generally acceptable accounting principles, of the trust fund's assets and liabilities and any surplus or deficit;

(f) a statement, in accordance with generally acceptable accounting principles, of revenues and expenses;

(g) a statement, for each electoral district, of transfers of funds by the trust fund to an electoral district association, the candidate endorsed by the registered party or a trust fund established for the election of that candidate;"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 428, as amended, carried.

On Clause 435,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 435, be amended by replacing lines 27 and 28 on page 177 with the following:

"the registered party's election expenses as set out in"

After debate, by unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

Clause 435 carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Ray Bonin

Marlene Catterall

Gar Knutson

Judi Longfield

Carolyn Parrish

Jerry Pickard

John Richardson -- (7)

NAYS:

Rob Anders

Stéphane Bergeron

Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral

Ted White -- (4)

On Clause 451,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 451, be amended by replacing line 15 on page 186 with the following:

"one of its trust funds, a trust fund established for the election of the candidate or an electoral district"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 451, be amended by replacing lines 19 to 23 on page 186 with the following:

"who contributed through a trust fund established for the election of the candidate or an electoral district association, the name and address of every contributor by class listed in paragraph (f) who made contributions of a total amount of more than \$200 to that trust fund or electoral district association"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 451, as amended, carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Stéphane Bergeron

Ray Bonin

Marlene Catterall

Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral

Gar Knutson

Judi Longfield

Carolyn Parrish

Jerry Pickard

John Richardson -- (9)

NAYS:

Rob Anders

Ted White -- (2)

On Clause 489,

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That Clause 489, previously carried, be reconsidered.

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 489, be amended by adding after line 15 on page 204 the following:

"(a.1) contravenes subsection 161(6) (vouching for more than one elector);"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted on division.

Clause 489, as amended, carried on division.

Clause 497 carried.

Clause 537 carried.

Clause 538 carried on division.

Clause 539, as amended, carried.

Clause 553, as amended, carried on division.

Clause 555, as amended, carried.

Clause 556 carried.

Clause 557 carried on division.

Clause 560, as amended, carried on division.

Clause 561 carried on division.

Clause 562 carried on division.

Clause 576 carried.

On Clause 325,

Gar Knutson moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 325, be amended by

a) replacing line 25 on page 126 with the following:

"325. (1) No person shall prevent or impair the"

(b) adding after line 28 on page 126 the following:

"(2) Subsection (1) does not apply with respect to

(a) the prevention or impairment, by a public authority, of an unlawful transmission; or

(b) the removal by an employee of a public authority of a billboard, poster or banner where the posting of it is a hazard to public safety."

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 325, as amended, carried on division.

On Clause 405,

Stéphane Bergeron moved, -- That Bill C-2, in Clause 405, be amended by replacing lines 7 to 9 on page 163 with the following:

'tions, to trust funds established for the election of a candidate endorsed by the registered party or to candidates endorsed by the registered party who transfer contributions to the registered party"

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was adopted.

Clause 405, as amended, carried on division.

On Clause 17,

Debate resumed on Mr. Bergeron's motion and it was permitted to stand.

Clause 17 stood.

Schedule I carried on division.

Schedule II carried on division.

Schedule III carried on division.

On Clause 17,

After debate, by unanimous consent, Stéphane Bergeron was permitted to withdraw his motion.

Clause 17 carried on division.

Clause 1 carried on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Stéphane Bergeron

Ray Bonin

Marlene Catterall

Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral

Gar Knutson

Judi Longfield

Carolyn Parrish

Jerry Pickard

Ted White -- (9)

NAYS:

Rob Anders -- (1)

The Title carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried on the following recorded vote:

YEAS:

Ray Bonin

Marlene Catterall

Gar Knutson

Judi Longfield

Carolyn Parrish

Jerry Pickard -- (6)

NAYS:

Rob Anders

Stéphane Bergeron

Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral

Ted White -- (4)

ORDERED, -- That Bill C-2, An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts, as amended, be reprinted for the use of the House of Commons at Report Stage.

Report to the House carried on the following recorded vote:

YEAS:

Stéphane Bergeron

Ray Bonin

Marlene Catterall

Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral

Gar Knutson

Judi Longfield

Carolyn Parrish

Jerry Pickard -- (8)

NAYS:

Rob Anders

Ted White -- (2)

ORDERED, -- That the Chair report Bill C-2 with amendments to the House as the 13th Report of the Committee.

At 9:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 23

Tuesday, December 14, 1999

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Performance Report of the Administration of the House of Commons
1998-1999

APPEARING:

Hon. Gilbert Parent, Speaker of the House of Commons.

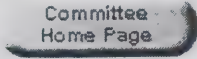
WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Gus Clouthier, Major-General, Sergeant-at-Arms;

Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House of Commons;

Audrey O'Brien, Principal Clerk, Table Research Branch.

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Tuesday, December 14, 1999

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:23 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson and John Solomon.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Appearing: From the House of Commons: Gilbert Parent, Speaker.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House; MGen. G. Cloutier, Sergeant-at-Arms; Audrey O'Brien, Clerk Assistant, Corporate Resources.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a), the Committee proceeded to its consideration of the Performance Report of the Administration of the House of Commons 1998 - 1999.

The Hon. Gilbert Parent made a statement and with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:41 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:42 p.m., by unanimous consent it was agreed, - That the Committee resume *in camera* to discuss its future business.

At 12:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, February 8, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the membership of the Legislative Committee on Bill C-20, An Act to give effect to the requirement for clarity as set out in the opinion of the Supreme Court of Canada in the Quebec Secession Reference



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Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, February 8, 2000

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Ray Bonin, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, André Harvey, Jay Hill, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Jerry Pickard, John Richardson and Chuck Strahl.

Acting Members present: Hec Clouthier for Carolyn Parrish; Suzanne Tremblay for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 113(1), the Committee proceeded to its consideration of the membership of the Legislative Committee on Bill C-20, An Act to give effect to the requirement for clarity as set out in the opinion of the Supreme Court of Canada in the Quebec Secession Reference.

The following names were submitted for consideration:

Liberal: Reg Alcock, Raymond Bonin, Irwin Cotler, Claude Drouin, Dennis Mills, Bernard Patry, Karen Redman and Andy Scott.

Reform: Grant Hill, Rahim Jaffer and Val Meredith.

Bloc Québécois: Daniel Turp and Michel Bellehumeur

N.D.P.: Bill Blaikie

P.C.: André Bachand

Marlene Catterall moved, - That the membership of the Legislative Committee on Bill C-20, An Act to give effect to the requirement for clarity as set out in the opinion of the Supreme Court of Canada in the Quebec Secession Reference be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

After debate thereon, the motion carried on division.

On motion of Chuck Strahl, it was agreed, - That Jay Hill replace Chuck Strahl on the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure.

At 11:24 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 25

Thursday, February 10, 2000

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Future business

Adoption of the Second Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs



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Meeting No. 25

Thursday, February 10, 2000

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:24 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Jay Hill, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish, Jerry Pickard and John Richardson.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Order 108(2), the Committee considered its future business.

The Chair presented the Second Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure which reads as follows:

SECOND REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON

AGENDA AND PROCEDURE

OF THE

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Your Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure met *in camera* at 11:28 a.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2000 in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, M.P., presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, André Harvey, Jay Hill and Derek Lee.

Also in attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Your Sub-Committee proceeded to the consideration of the Committee's future business and agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. That pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(v), the Committee appoint a sub-committee, consisting of one member from each of the recognised parties, and a Chair, to oversee and monitor the implementation of the report on televising of Committees, and to deal with issues and problems that might arise.
 - That Marlene Catterall Chair the Sub-Committee on the Televising of Committees.
 - That Grant McNally and Stéphane Bergeron be named as members of the Sub-Committee and

the names of the other members be provided to the Clerk following the usual consultations with the Whips of the recognized parties.

1. That pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee undertake a review of the Standing Orders in order to put in place a process of modernizing the procedural practices and traditions of the House.
- That the Chair send a letter to all Members of the House inviting them to provide the Clerk of the Committee with suggestions for possible changes to the Standing Orders. To avoid repetition, Members will be encouraged to consult with their party representatives on the Committee or with the Clerk of the Committee to determine those items already on the list for consideration.
1. That the officials responsible for the renovations to the former Justice Building as well as other officials responsible for the renovations and potential changes to the parliamentary precincts be invited to brief members. The Sergeant At Arms would also be invited to discuss his proposals concerning access by the public to the parliamentary precincts.
2. That the researcher prepare a draft report on those issues raised during the Committee's consideration of Bill C-2, the Canada Elections Act and that this be circulated to members of the Committee.
3. That the Clerk be instructed to arrange an informal meeting with members of the Irish Joint House Services Committee for 15:30 on Wednesday, February 23, 2000, and that light refreshments also be provided.
4. That the Committee agree to hold meetings on the request of the Speaker of Tuesday, February 8, 2000 regarding Standing Order 87(6). Such hearings to begin on Tuesday, February 15, 2000 if possible.

At 12:22 p.m. the meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Derek Lee, M.P.

Chair

After debate thereon, on motion of Eleni Bakopanos, it was agreed, - That the Second Report from the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure be adopted.

It was further agreed, - That should Bill C-2, *An Act respecting the election of members to the House of Commons, repealing other Acts relating to elections and making consequential amendments to other Acts* be scheduled for debate on Tuesday, February 15, 2000, the meeting on Standing Order 87 (6) will be rescheduled for Thursday, February 17, 2000 at 11:00 a.m.

At 11:42 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 26

Tuesday, February 15, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the request received from the Speaker of Tuesday, February 8, 2000 concerning the interpretation and administration of the provisions of Standing Order 87(6)

WITNESS:

House of Commons:

Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House of Commons.



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Meeting No. 26

Tuesday, February 15, 2000

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Ray Bonin, Marlene Catterall, Jay Hill, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish, Jerry Pickard, John Richardson and Chuck Strahl.

Acting Members present: Suzanne Tremblay for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral; Bill Blaikie for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House; William Corbett, Deputy Clerk.

Pursuant to its mandate under S.O. 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee considered the request received from the Speaker of Tuesday, February 8, 2000 concerning the interpretation and administration of the provisions of Standing Order 87(6).

Robert Marleau made a statement and, with William Corbett, answered questions.

At 12:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

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Meeting No. 27

Thursday, February 17, 2000

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:21 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Jerry Pickard and John Richardson.

Acting Members present: Ted White for Jay Hill; John Solomon for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee proceeded to the consideration of a draft report on outstanding electoral issues

At 11:55 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 28

Thursday, February 24, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

First Report of the Examiner of petitions regarding Bill S-14, An Act to amend the Act of incorporation of the Board of Elders of the Canadian District of the Moravian Church in America



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Séance n° 28

Le jeudi 24 février 2000

Le Comité permanent de la procédure et des affaires de la Chambre se réunit aujourd'hui à 11 h 46, dans la salle 112-N de l'édifice du Centre, sous la présidence de Derek Lee, président.

Membres du Comité présents : Eleni Bakopanos, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish, Jerry Pickard et John Richardson.

Membre associé présent : Joe Jordan.

Aussi présent : *De la Bibliothèque du Parlement :* James Robertson, attaché de recherche.

Témoin : *De la Chambre des communes :* Robert Marleau, greffier de la Chambre.

Mandat conféré au Comité en vertu de l'article 133(3) du Règlement concernant le premier rapport de l'Examineur des pétitions sur le projet de loi S-14, Loi modifiant la loi constituant en personne morale le Conseil des anciens de la section canadienne de l'Église morave d'Amérique.

Article 133(3) du Règlement

Joe Jordan, au nom du président du Sous-comité des affaires émanant des députés, et Larry McCormick présentent le Deuxième rapport du Sous-comité, conformément à l'article 133(3) du Règlement.

L'absence de quorum étant portée à l'attention du président, l'examen de l'ébauche de rapport est reporté à la prochaine réunion du Comité.

Articles 108(3)a)(iv) et 87(6) du Règlement

À la demande de Gar Knutson, le président lève la séance.

À 11 h 54, le Comité s'ajourne jusqu'à nouvelle convocation de la présidence.

La greffière du Comité

Carol Chafe

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

First Report of the Examiner of petitions regarding Bill S-14, An Act to amend the Act of incorporation of the Board of Elders of the Canadian District of the Moravian Church in America

Consideration of the request received from the Speaker of Tuesday, February 8, 2000 concerning the interpretation and administration of the provisions of Standing Order 87(6)

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

William Corbett, Deputy Clerk of the House of Commons;

Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House of Commons.



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Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:15 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Ray Bonin, Marlene Catterall, André Harvey, Jay Hill, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson and Chuck Strahl.

Acting Members present: Dale Johnston for Grant McNally; Bill Blaikie for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House; William Corbett, Deputy Clerk.

Committee's mandate pursuant to Standing Order 133(3) concerning the First Report of the Examiner of petitions regarding Bill S-14, An Act to amend the Act of incorporation of the Board of Elders of the Canadian District of the Moravian Church in America.

On motion of Marlene Catterall, it was agreed, - That the Report from the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

Pursuant to its mandate under S.O. 108(3)(a)(iii), consideration of the request received from the Speaker of Tuesday, February 8, 2000 concerning the interpretation and administration of the provisions of Standing Order 87(6).

Robert Marleau made a statement and, with William Corbett, answered questions.

Carolyn Parrish moved, - That, the issues relating to the interpretation and administration of the provisions of S.O. 87(6) and John Bryden's Private Members Bill be split and that this Committee deal with the question of Mr. Bryden's bill, while the remaining questions raised concerning the 100 signatures rule be referred to the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business for further study.

And debate thereon, the motion was adopted on division.

Marlene Catterall moved, - That, we advise the Speaker that we have referred the 100-signature process to the Sub-Committee for review and clarification, that in the interim, we recommend the Speaker leave Mr. Bryden's bill on the Order of Precedence, that he advise Mr. Bryden that he will have a defined opportunity to notify Members that there has been a change in his bill and what the change is, and to confirm that there are 100 Members who recommend that the amended bill be placed on the Order of Precedence.

And debate thereon.

It was agreed, - That, the Clerk and researcher be instructed to draft a motion which would capture the points raised during debate on the motion of Marlene Catterall.

At 12:52 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 30

Thursday, March 2, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the request received from the Speaker of Tuesday, February 8, 2000 concerning the interpretation and administration of the provisions of Standing Order 87(6)



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Meeting No. 30

Thursday, March 2, 2000

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:15 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Stéphane Bergeron, Ray Bonin, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, André Harvey, Jay Hill, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish and John Richardson.

Acting Members present: David Pratt for Eleni Bakopanos; Brenda Chamberlain for Jerry Pickard; Chuck Cadman for Grant McNally; Jason Kenney for Chuck Strahl; Bill Blaikie for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Pursuant to its mandate under S.O. 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee proceeded to its consideration of the request received from the Speaker of Tuesday, February 8, 2000 concerning the interpretation and administration of the provisions of Standing Order 87(6).

A draft report on the subject was circulated for consideration.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, - That, the draft report be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

And debate thereon.

Carolyn Parrish moved, - That, the report be amended in paragraph 7 to indicate that the Committee recommend to the Speaker that Mr. Bryden's bill should proceed.

And debate thereon.

Bob Kilger moved, - That, the main motion and the amendment be tabled for discussion at a later meeting.

The question being put on the motion of Bob Kilger, it was negatived on division.

The question being put on the motion of Carolyn Parrish, it was negatived on division.

The question being put on the motion of Stéphane Bergeron, it was carried on division.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed consideration of a draft report on outstanding electoral issues.

A lack of quorum being drawn to the attention of the Chair, the meeting was adjourned.

At 12:12 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, March 21, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of new electoral boundary maps

WITNESSES:

Elections Canada:

Maurice Bastarache, Associate Director of Electoral Geography;

Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada.



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Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, March 21, 2000

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Jerry Pickard and John Richardson.

Acting Members present: Ovid Jackson for Ray Bonin; Lynn Myers for Carolyn Parrish; Lorne Nystrom for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer: Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer; Rennie Molnar, Director, Register and Geography Directorate; Maurice Bastarache, Associate Director of Operations, Electoral Geography; Christian Yeon, Project Coordinator, Electoral Geography.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee proceeded to its consideration of new electoral boundary maps.

Jean-Pierre Kingsley made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:18 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:26 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 11:41 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:44 a.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(vi), the Committee resumed its consideration of the draft report on outstanding electoral issues.

On motion of Bob Kilger, it was agreed, - That, the draft report be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference from the House of Commons of Thursday, March 16, 2000, the Committee proceeded to its consideration of the issue of confidentiality of the work of the Legislative Counsel.

At 12:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, March 28, 2000

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Third Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure

Consideration of the issue of confidentiality of the work of the Legislative Counsel

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House of Commons;

Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel, Legal Services.



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Tuesday, March 28, 2000

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Ray Bonin, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, André Harvey, Jay Hill, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish, Jerry Pickard, John Richardson and Chuck Strahl.

Acting Member present: Suzanne Tremblay for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House; Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel.

Consideration of the Third Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure.

The Chair circulated copies of the Third Report of the Sub-Committee on agenda and Procedure which reads as follows:

THIRD REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON

AGENDA AND PROCEDURE

OF THE

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Your Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure met *in camera* at 11:07 a.m. on Thursday, March 23, 2000 in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, M.P., presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, André Harvey, Jay Hill and Derek Lee.

Acting Member present: Bill Blaikie for Yvon Godin.

Other Member present: Gar Knutson

Also in attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Your Sub-Committee proceeded to the consideration of the Committee's future business and agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. That pursuant to the Order of Reference from the House of Commons of Tuesday, February 29, 2000, the Committee schedule hearings on the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001 - *Parliament, Vote 5* (House of Commons) and *Privy Council, Vote 20* (Elections Canada) and that, the hearings be held prior to the May 31st deadline for reporting the Main Estimates to the House.
2. That pursuant to the Order of Reference from the House of Commons of Thursday, March 16, 2000 concerning the confidentiality of the work of the Legislative Counsel, the Committee invite the Clerk of the House of Commons, Robert Marleau and the Legislative Counsel, Rob Walsh, to appear on Tuesday, March 28, 2000 and, that Diane McMurray and Louis-Philippe Côté be invited to appear on Thursday, March 30, 2000.
3. That a decision on the necessity for additional meetings on the issue be taken following the Thursday, March 30 meeting.
4. That the Committee proceed with its study on parliamentary reform, with particular reference to Motion No. 9 and electronic voting following the conclusion of its hearings on the Order of Reference concerning the confidentiality of the work of the Legislative Counsel.

At 12:15 p.m. the meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Derek Lee, M.P.

Chair

On motion of Gar Knutson, it was agreed, - That the Third Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure be adopted.

By unanimous consent, the Committee proceeded to consideration of its Order of Reference from the House of Commons of Thursday, March 16, 2000, consideration of the issue of confidentiality of the work of the Legislative Counsel.

Robert Marleau made a statement and, with Rob Walsh, answered questions.

At 1:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 33

Thursday, March 30, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the issue of confidentiality of the work of the Legislative Counsel

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Louis-Philippe Côté, Legislative Counsel, Legal and Legislative Services;

Diane L. McMurray, Legislative Counsel, Legal and Legislative Services.



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Meeting No. 33

Thursday, March 30, 2000

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:17 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Ray Bonin, Marlene Catterall, Jay Hill, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish, John Richardson and Chuck Strahl.

Acting Members present: Stan Keyes for Jerry Pickard; Suzanne Tremblay for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral; Lorne Nystrom for Yvon Godin; Peter MacKay for André Harvey; Roger Gallaway for Ray Bonin from 11:26 a.m.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: Louis-Philippe Côté, Legislative Counsel, Legal and Legislative Services; Diane L. McMurray, Legislative Counsel, Legal and Legislative Services.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference from the House of Commons of Thursday, March 16, 2000, the Committee proceeded to its consideration of the issue of confidentiality of the work of the Legislative Counsel.

Louis-Philippe Côté made a statement.

After debate, it was agreed, - That the Committee assure the witnesses that any evidence they provide to the Committee in its study of the confidentiality of the work of the Legislative Counsel will be protected in accordance with parliamentary privilege.

Louis-Philippe Côté and Diane McMurray answered questions.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That the witnesses be recalled for Thursday, April 4, 2000.

At 12:54 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 34

Tuesday, April 4, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the issue of confidentiality of the work of the Legislative Counsel

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Louis-Philippe Côté, Legislative Counsel, Legal and Legislative Services;

Diane L. McMurray, Legislative Counsel, Legal and Legislative Services.



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Meeting No. 34

Tuesday, April 4, 2000

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Ray Bonin, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Yvon Godin, André Harvey, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish, Jerry Pickard, John Richardson and Chuck Strahl.

Other Members present: Roger Gallaway and Peter MacKay.

Associate Member present: Bill Blaikie.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: Louis-Philippe Côté, Legislative Counsel, Legal and Legislative Services; Diane L. McMurray, Legislative Counsel, Legal and Legislative Services.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference from the House of Commons of Thursday, March 16, 2000, the Committee resumed its consideration of the issue of confidentiality of the work of the Legislative Counsel.

Louis-Philippe Côté and Diane McMurray answered questions.

Gar Knutson gave notice of a motion he intends to move at the Thursday, April 6th meeting.

It was agreed, - That Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House, and Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel, be invited to appear on the Committee's Order of Reference from the House of March 16, 2000, on Thursday, April 6, 2000.

At 1:11 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 35

Thursday, April 6, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the issue of confidentiality of the work of the Legislative Counsel

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House of Commons;

Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel, Legal Services.





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Meeting No. 35

Thursday, April 6, 2000

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:16 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, André Harvey, Jay Hill, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish, Jerry Pickard and John Richardson.

Acting Members present: Sarkis Assadourian for Eleni Bakopanos from 12:56 p.m.; Wayne Easter for Ray Bonin; Bill Blaikie for Yvon Godin.

Other Members present: Roger Gallaway and Peter MacKay.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House; Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel.

Committee's mandate pursuant to Standing Orders 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv) in relation to Private Members' Business

On motion of Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, it was agreed, - That, the Report from the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference from the House of Commons of Thursday, March 16, 2000, the Committee resumed its consideration of the issue of confidentiality of the work of the Legislative Counsel.

Robert Marleau and Rob Walsh made statements and answered questions.

Gar Knutson moved,

That, the Committee direct the researcher to prepare a draft report incorporating the following recommendations:

1. That the process for drafting and sharing information on Members' amendments be clearly defined including the confidentiality requirements thereof.
2. That all M.P.'s be informed of the process when they request the drafting of amendments.

3. That Members be given the option of requesting a greater degree of confidentiality such as would exist between a lawyer and a client.

And debate thereon.

At 1:14 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 36

Tuesday, April 11, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Future business

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

William Corbett, Deputy Clerk of the House of Commons;

Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House of Commons.





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Tuesday, April 11, 2000

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:15 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Ray Bonin, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, André Harvey, Jay Hill, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish, Jerry Pickard and John Richardson.

Acting Members present: Tony Valeri for Marlene Catterall from 12:31 p.m.; Ian Murray for Jerry Pickard from 12:12 p.m.; Bill Blaikie for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House; William Corbett, Deputy Clerk.

By unanimous consent, the Committee proceeded to its other business.

On motion of Jay Hill, it was agreed, - That, Dave Chatters replace Deborah Grey on the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business.

Committee's mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii) - consideration of proposals on changes to the Standing Orders

Gar Knutson moved, - That, the Committee recommend to the House of Commons the adoption of Motion No. 9 on the Order Paper which reads as follows:

No. 9 - March 9, 2000 - The Leader of the Government in the House of Commons - That the Standing Orders be amended by adding to Standing Order 45 the following new section:

"(9) When, pursuant to any Standing or Special Order, it is necessary to proceed forthwith and successively with two or more recorded divisions relating to Government Orders, after the announcement of the result of a division, the Whip of any officially recognized party may indicate how the votes of the Members of his or her party shall be applied on any subsequent division or divisions, whereupon the votes of those Members shall be so recorded for that division or divisions, provided that the votes of any Members who are not part of a party whose Whip has given such indication shall be recorded in the usual manner, provided that any Member of an officially recognized party who wishes to vote differently than indicated by his or her Whip may request that his or her vote be recorded accordingly and provided that all divisions required to dispose of any motion proposed pursuant to Standing Order 81(13) shall be recorded in the usual manner."

with the following change in wording: replacing the words "... divisions relating to Government Orders, after ..." with the following: "... divisions relating to a Government Order, after ...".

And debate thereon.

Robert Marleau made a statement and, with William Corbett, answered questions.

Marlene Catterall moved, - That, the motion be further amended by moving the words “ ... on any subsequent division or divisions ...” before “ ... the Whip of any officially recognized party...” .

And debate thereon.

At 12:53 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 37

Thursday, April 13, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of Bill C-445, An Act to change the name of the electoral district of Rimouski—Mitis

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House of Commons;

Suzanne Tremblay, BQ, Member from *Rimouski—Mitis*.



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Thursday, April 13, 2000

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:13 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, André Harvey, Jay Hill, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish and John Richardson.

Acting Member present: Bill Blaikie for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House; Marie-Andrée Lajoie, Principal Clerk, House Proceedings; Suzanne Tremblay, MP for Rimouski--Mitis.

On motion of Bob Kilger, it was agreed - That, the Committee move to the order of the day:

Pursuant to its Order of Reference from the House of Commons dated Friday, April 7, 2000, consideration of Bill C-445, An Act to change the name of the electoral district of Rimouski-Mitis.

Suzanne Tremblay made a statement and answered questions.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed consideration of proposals on changes to the Standing Orders.

Gar Knutson and Jay Hill presented proposed changes to Standing Orders 45 and 73(3).

And debate thereon.

It was agreed - That the Clerk of the House be requested to provide draft wording for changes to Standing Orders 45 and 73(3) for consideration by the Committee at its next meeting.

It was also agreed - That the Committee staff be instructed to communicate with the mayors in Rimouski-Mitis who have expressed concerns about the proposed name change for the riding, inviting them to send written submissions outlining their concerns.

At 12:47 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, May 2, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of proposals on changes to the Standing Orders

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

William Corbett, Deputy Clerk of the House of Commons;

Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House of Commons.



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Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, May 2, 2000

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Stéphane Bergeron, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish, Jerry Pickard, John Richardson and Chuck Strahl.

Acting Members present: Steve Mahoney for Marlene Catterall; Dennis Mills for Jerry Pickard from 12:23; Bill Blaikie for Yvon Godin; Norm Doyle for André Harvey.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House; William Corbett, Deputy Clerk.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee resumed consideration of proposals on changes to the Standing Orders.

On motion of Bob Kilger, it was agreed on division, - That the Committee proceed *in camera* with its consideration of a draft report on Standing Orders 45.(9) and 78.(3).

Accordingly, the Committee proceeded to consideration of its draft report *in camera*.

On motion of Chuck Strahl, it was agreed on division, - That the Committee resume its consideration of the draft report in public.

Accordingly, the Committee resumed consideration of its draft report on proposed changes to Standing Orders 45.(9) and 78.(3).

At 12:23 p.m., the Committee proceeded to consideration of its second Order of the Day.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference from the House of Commons dated Friday, April 7, 2000, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-445, An Act to change the name of the electoral district of Rimouski-Mitis (*See Minutes of Proceedings, Thursday, April 13, 2000, Meeting No. 37*).

The Clerk of the Committee provided a short report on her consultations with opponents of the Bill.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That the Committee proceed to Clause-by-Clause consideration of Bill C-445.

On Clause 1,

Clause 1 carried.

The Title of the Bill carried.

ORDERED - That the Chair report Bill C-445, without amendments, to the House.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Bob Kilgour, it was agreed, - That the Committee rescind all previous decisions on Bill C-445 and re-consider Clause 1.

On Clause 1

On motion of Bob Kilger, - it was unanimously agreed, - That Bill C-445, in Clause 1 be amended by replacing line 9 on page 1 with the following:

"ing the name "Rimouski-Neigette et La Mitis" for the name "Rimouski-Mitis".

Clause 1, as amended, carried.

The Title carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried.

ORDERED - That the Chair report Bill C-445, with amendments, to the House as the Committee's Twenty-Eighth Report.

At 12:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 39

Thursday, May 4, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Future business

WITNESS:

House of Commons:

Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House of Commons.



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Meeting No. 39

Thursday, May 4, 2000

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:14 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Ray Bonin, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Jay Hill, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, John Richardson and Chuck Strahl.

Acting Members present: John O'Reilley for Marlene Catterall; Steve Mahoney for Carolyn Parrish; George Proud for Jerry Pickard; Bill Blaikie for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House; William Corbett, Deputy Clerk.

By unanimous consent, the Committee proceeded to consideration of its future business.

On motion of Bill Blaikie, it was agreed, - That Norman Doyle be appointed as member of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business replacing André Harvey.

On motion of Chuck Strahl, it was agreed, - That the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs establish a Sub-committee to consider measures and procedures to improve financial reporting to Parliament and that it be composed of Paul Szabo as Chair, one Member from each of the Opposition Parties, and two Members of the Liberal Party.

-- That, the Sub-committee be instructed to review, consider and make recommendations on proposals relating to the Improved Reporting to Parliament Project - Phase 2, on the following themes:

- tailoring Estimates information for parliamentary needs;
- streamlining and consolidating reporting;
- reviewing and strengthening Parliamentary review processes; and
- improving information to Parliament on the Government's expenditure plans, and the use of funds in relation to these plans.

-- That the Sub-committee conclude its work and report thereon to this Committee no later than Monday, June 12, 2000.

-- That the Sub-committee have the power to report from time to time, to send for persons, papers and records, to sit while the House is sitting, to print from day to day such papers and evidence that may be ordered by the Sub-committee.

It was agreed, - That the Clerk of the Committee consult with the Speaker of the House and the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada on a mutually convenient time to appear on their respective Votes on the

Main Estimates for the fiscal period ending March 31, 2001.

It was agreed, - That the Committee invite an additional witness to appear on Tuesday, May 16, 2000, on the Order of Reference from the House of Commons of Thursday, March 16, 2000 concerning the confidentiality of the work of the Legislative Counsel.

At 11:24 a.m. the Committee proceeded to consideration of the draft report on proposed changes to the Standing Orders.

At 12:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 40

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the Fourth Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure

WITNESS:

House of Commons:

William Corbett, Deputy Clerk.



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Meeting No. 40

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:11 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Ray Bonin, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Jay Hill, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish, Jerry Pickard and Chuck Strahl.

Acting Members present: Maud Debien for Stéphane Bergeron; Ivan Grose for Marlene Catterall; David Pratt for Bob Kilger.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: William Corbett, Deputy Clerk; Marc Bosc, Principal Clerk, Committees & Parliamentary Associations.

Consideration of the Fourth Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure.

The Chair circulated copies of the Fourth Report of the Sub-Committee on agenda and Procedure which reads as follows:

FOURTH REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON

AGENDA AND PROCEDURE

OF THE

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Your Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure met *in camera* at 12:00 P.m. on Monday, May 8, 2000 in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, M.P., presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Jay Hill and Derek Lee.

Also in attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Your Sub-Committee proceeded to the consideration of the Committee's future business and agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. That the Committee adopt the following work plan to the end of June: *a)* Thursday, May 11 - Main Estimates for the House of Commons; *b)* Tuesday, May 16 - Order of Reference from the House of Commons of Thursday, March 16, 2000 concerning the confidentiality of the work of the Legislative Counsel, witness - Diane Davidson; *c)* Thursday, May 18, Main Estimates for Elections Canada; *d)* Tuesday, May 30 - Order of Reference from the House of Commons of

Thursday, March 16, 2000 concerning the confidentiality of the work of the Legislative Counsel - consideration of a draft report; e) meetings in June to be on the Review of the Standing Orders, with the exception of f) Tuesday, June 13 - consideration of a report of the Sub-Committee on the Business of Supply.

2. That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute the Background Paper on Electronic Voting prepared by the researcher to all members of the Committee.

At 12:15 p.m. the meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Derek Lee, M.P.

Chair

It was agreed, - That the Fourth Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure be concurred in.

At 11:13 a.m., the Committee resumed consideration of the draft report on the proposed changes to the Standing Orders.

Gar Knutson moved, - That the proposed amendment to Standing Order 78(3)(a) in Recommendation 2 be amended by deleting all the words after Standing Order 76.1(10) and substituting the following therefor:

The motion shall not be subject to debate or amendment except after a Minister has proposed a motion pursuant to this section of this Standing Order, a period of time shall be made available, if required, to permit Members, including a Member of each officially recognized party in the House, to ask questions of the Ministers responsible for the conduct of the bill in the House and to comment briefly on the motion and to permit responses thereto, provided that this period shall not exceed thirty minutes. At the expiry of the time provided for such brief questions or comments or when no Member rises to be recognized, as the case may be, providing that the Speaker is satisfied that the motion is not an abuse of the practices of the House, he or she shall forthwith put every question necessary to dispose of the motion. Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 45(4), for any recorded division demanded pursuant to this paragraph, the bells to call in the Members shall be sounded for not more than fifteen minutes. Any proceedings interrupted pursuant to this section of this Standing Order shall be deemed adjourned.

After debate, on motion of Chuck Strahl, it was agreed, - That the amendment be amended by deleting the word "except" in the first line and adding thereto a period and the word "However";

and adding after the words "...bill in the House and to comment briefly on the motion" the following words thereto "and the bill".

The question being put on the amendment, as amended, it was agreed to.

And the question being put on the draft report, as amended, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEAS:

Eleni Bakopanos

Ray Bonin

Ivan Grose

Jay Hill

Bob Kilger

Gar Knutson

Carolyn Parrish

Jerry Pickard

Chuck Strahl -- (9)

NAYS:

Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral

Maud Debien -- (2)

It was agreed, - That the draft report, as amended, be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

It was agreed, - That the Committee append to its Report dissenting opinions from the opposition parties and that they be submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Committee in both official languages no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10, 2000.

At 11:51 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Santosh Sirpaul

Committee Clerk

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 41

Thursday, May 11, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001 – Vote 5 under PARLIAMENT

APPEARING:

Honourable Gilbert Parent, Speaker of the House of Commons

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Gus Cloutier, Major General, Sergeant-at-Arms;

Robert Marleau, Clerk.

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Meeting No. 41

Thursday, May 11, 2000

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Yvon Godin, Jay Hill, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee and Carolyn Parrish.

Acting Members present: Lynn Myers for Ray Bonin; Murray Calder for Marlene Catterall from 12:28 p.m.; Walt Lastewka for Bob Kilger; Pat O'Brien for John Richardson.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Appearing: From the House of Commons: Gilbert Parent, Speaker of the House of Commons.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: Robert Marleau, Clerk of the House; MGen. G. Cloutier, Sergeant-at-Arms; Audrey O'Brien, Clerk Assistant, Procedure and Administration.

Order of Reference from the House of Commons of Tuesday, February 29, 2000: Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001 - Vote 5 under PARLIAMENT (House of Commons)

The Chair called Vote 5.

The Speaker made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Gar Knutson moved, - That Vote 5 under PARLIAMENT, less the amount voted in interim supply, carry.

And debate thereon, the question being put on the motion, it carried unanimously.

At the request of the Chair, the Committee reverted to a reconsideration of the 30th Report of the Committee previously adopted at its meeting of Tuesday, May 9, 2000.

At 12:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 42

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ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the issue of confidentiality of the work of the Legislative Counsel

WITNESS:

Department of Justice Canada:

Diane Davidson, Deputy Chief Legislative Counsel, Regulations Section.



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Tuesday, May 16, 2000

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:14 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Ray Bonin, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Jay Hill, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Jerry Pickard, John Richardson and Chuck Strahl.

Acting Members present: Bill Blaikie for Yvon Godin; Rey Pagtakhan for Marlene Catterall from 11:18 a.m.; Sarkis Assadourian for Carolyn Parrish; Steve Mahoney for Carolyn Parrish from 11:42 a.m.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Department of Justice: Diane Davidson, Deputy Chief Legislative Counsel, Regulations Section.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference from the House of Commons of Thursday, March 16, 2000, the Committee proceeded to its consideration of the issue of confidentiality of the work of the Legislative Counsel.

Chuck Strahl moved, - That, in view of the unacceptable action of the Chair of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs, (Derek Lee), the Member for Scarborough - Rouge River, this committee consider the action by the Chair as a serious breach in the observance of the proprieties of this committee and the management of its business.

And debate thereon.

By general agreement, the motion was stood.

Diane Davidson made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:44 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 43

Thursday, May 18, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001: Vote 20 under Privy Council (Office of the Chief Electoral Officer)

WITNESSES:


Office of the Chief Electoral Officer:

Patricia J. Hassard, Assistant Chief Electoral Officer;

Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer;

Janice Vézina, Director of Election Financing.



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Thursday, May 18, 2000

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Yvon Godin, Bob Kilger, Derek Lee, Jerry Pickard and John Richardson.

Acting Members present: Guy St-Julien for Ray Bonin; Ted White for Jay Hill; Bernard Patry for Marlene Catterall from 11:53 a.m.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer: Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer; Patricia J. Hassard, Assistant Chief Electoral Officer; Janice Vézina, Director of Election Financing.

Order of Reference from the House of Commons of Tuesday, February 29, 2000: Main Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001 - Vote 20 under PRIVY COUNCIL (Office of the Chief Electoral Officer)

Jean-Pierre Kingsley made a statement and, with Patricia Hassard and Janice Vézina, answered questions.

On motion of Bob Kilger, it was agreed, - That vote 20 under PRIVY COUNCIL, less the amount voted in interim supply, carry.

ORDERED - That the Chair report Vote 20 under PRIVY COUNCIL, less the amount voted in interim supply.

At 12:17 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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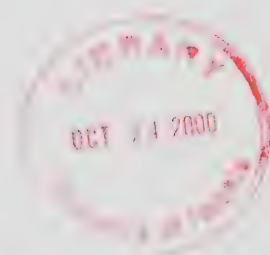
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Tuesday, May 30, 2000

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:16 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Stéphane Bergeron, Ray Bonin, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Jay Hill, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Jerry Pickard, John Richardson and Chuck Strahl.

Acting Members present: Bill Blaikie for Yvon Godin; Steve Mahoney for Eleni Bakopanos; John Bryden for Eleni Bakopanos from 12:15; Mac Harb for Bob Kilger; Sarkis Assadourian for John Richardson to 11:33 a.m.; Sarkis Assadourian for Jerry Pickard from 12:38 p.m.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference from the House of Commons of Thursday, March 16, 2000, consideration of the issue of confidentiality of the work of the Legislative Counsel.

The Committee proceeded to consideration of its draft report.

It was agreed, - that the Committee instruct the Chair to seek an extension in the reporting date for its report on the Order of Reference from the House of Commons of Thursday, March 16, 2000, concerning the confidentiality of the work of the Legislative Counsel from June 1, 2000 to June 15, 2000.

At 12:42 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Thursday, June 1st, 2000

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:18 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Jay Hill, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Jerry Pickard and John Richardson.

Acting Members present: Suzanne Tremblay for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference from the House of Commons of Thursday, March 16, 2000, consideration of the issue of confidentiality of the work of the Legislative Counsel.

The Committee resumed consideration of its draft report.

A lack of quorum having been brought to the attention of the Chair, at 12:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

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Meeting No. 46

Tuesday, June 6, 2000

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Ray Bonin, Marlene Catterall, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish and Chuck Strahl.

Acting Members present: Joe Jordan for Bob Kilger; Larry McCormick for Jerry Pickard; Suzanne Tremblay for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral; Bill Blaikie for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Committee's mandate pursuant to Standing Orders 92 and 108(3)(a)(iv) in relation to Private Members' Business

Larry McCormick presented the report of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business on selection of votable items.

On motion of Gar Knutson, it was agreed, - That the Committee adopt the report on votable items of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business, and that the Chair present the report to the House.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), consideration of a report from the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business relating to the provisions of Standing Order 87(6)

Larry McCormick presented the Second Report of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business concerning the provisions of Standing Order 87(6) - the 100 signature rule.

It was agreed, - That the Committee consider the report at its meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 8, 2000.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference from the House of Commons of Thursday, March 16, 2000, the Committee proceeded to consideration of its draft report on the issue of the confidentiality of the work of the Legislative Counsel.

By unanimous consent, Chuck Strahl was permitted to withdraw his motion of censure of the actions of the Chair in not presenting the report of the Committee on changes to the Standing Orders concerning applied votes and time allocation motions.

At 12:11 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Thursday, June 8, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of its draft report on the issue of confidentiality of the work of the Legislative Counsel



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Thursday, June 8, 2000

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Yvon Godin, Jay Hill, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Jerry Pickard and John Richardson.

Acting Members present: Marcel Proulx for Bob Kilger; Larry McCormick for Carolyn Parrish; Suzanne Tremblay for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Pursuant to its mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), consideration of a report from the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business relating to the provisions of Standing Order 87(6).

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That the Committee proceed to consideration of the Second Report of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business on provisions of Standing Order 87(6) - the 100 signature rule.

On motion of Jay Hill, it was agreed, - That the Second Report of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business relating to the provisions of Standing Order 87(6) - the 100 signature rule be adopted (as amended) as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House with the provision that the recommendations not come into effect until the end of this Parliament; and

That the researcher and the clerk be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

Pursuant to its Order of Reference from the House of Commons of Thursday, March 16, 2000, the Committee proceeded to consideration of its draft report on the issue of confidentiality of the work of the Legislative Counsel.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, - That the draft report of its Order of Reference from the House of Commons of Thursday, March 16, 2000 concerning the confidentiality of the work of the Legislative Counsel (as amended) be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House;

That the researcher and the clerk be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report; and

That the Canadian Alliance be permitted to append a dissenting opinion to the report provided that it not exceed 1 page in length; and that it be provided to the Clerk in both official languages and in electronic format no later than 5:00 p.m. Thursday, June 8, 2000.

And debate thereon.

The motion carried.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That the Committee would proceed in public.

At 11:34 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:35 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Stéphane Bergeron made a statement concerning the possibility of a question of privilege concerning the distribution of confidential statistics regarding the work of the Legislative Counsel.

Stéphane Bergeron moved, - That the Procedure and House Affairs Committee report to the House that confidential information concerning the number of amendments to Bill C-3, Bill C-12 and Bill C-16 were disclosed by the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel, Mister Rob Walsh on April the 10th 2000, so that the House can decide what action to take on this particular case.

And debate thereon.

On motion of Gar Knutson, it was agreed, - That the motion be amended by deleting the words "by the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel, Mister Rob Walsh on April 10th, 2000".

It was agreed, - That further debate on the motion be stood until the next meeting of the Committee and that the researcher be instructed to prepare a draft report based on the motion and discussion for consideration on Tuesday, June 13, 2000.

At 12:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met *in camera* at 11:14 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Ray Bonin, Marlene Catterall, Jay Hill, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish and John Richardson.

Acting Members present: Suzanne Tremblay for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral from 11:39 a.m.; Benoît Sauvageau for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral to 11:39 a.m.; Bill Blaikie for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii), the Committee proceeded to its consideration of the report from the Sub-Committee on Improved Financial Reporting to Parliament.

Marlene Catterall presented the report of the Sub-Committee on Improved Financial Reporting to Parliament.

And debate thereon.

Gar Knutson moved, - That the draft report, as amended, be adopted as the Committee's Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

And debate thereon, the question being put on the motion, it was carried.

On motion of Gar Knutson, it was agreed, - That the Chair, Marlene Catterall, John Williams, the researcher and the clerk be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(i), the Committee proceeded to its consideration of a motion relating to a possible breach of parliamentary privilege.

At 12:08 p.m., the Committee staff were requested to leave the room.

On motion of Bob Kilger, it was agreed, - That the Committee call Rob Walsh, the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel, to appear before the Committee on Thursday, June 15, 2000, in relation to Mr. Bergeron's motion.

At 12:52 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 49

Thursday, June 15, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of a motion relating to a possible breach of parliamentary privilege

WITNESS:

House of Commons:

Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel.



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Meeting No. 49

Thursday, June 15, 2000

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Ray Bonin, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Jay Hill, Bob Kilger, Gar Knutson, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish, Jerry Pickard and John Richardson.

Acting Member present: Bill Blaikie for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Witness: From the House of Commons: Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(3)(a)(i), consideration of a motion relating to a possible breach of parliamentary privilege.

Rob Walsh made a statement and answered questions.

Bob Kilger moved, - That the Committee adjourn.

The question being put on the motion, it carried on division.

At 11:41 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 50

Thursday, September 21, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the Fifth Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure

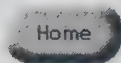
WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

William Corbett, Clerk of the House of Commons;

Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel.





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Meeting No. 50

Thursday, September 21, 2000

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Norman Doyle, David Iftody, Joe Jordan, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish, John Reynolds and John Richardson.

Acting Member present: Joe Fontana for Jerry Pickard.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: William Corbett, Clerk of the House; Rob Walsh, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel.

Consideration of the Fifth Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure

The Chair circulated copies of the Fifth Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure which reads as follows:

FIFTH REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON

AGENDA AND PROCEDURE

OF THE

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Your Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure met *in camera* at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19, 2000 in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, M.P., presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Marlene Catterall, Stéphane Bergeron and Derek Lee.

Acting Members present: Bill Blaikie for Yvon Godin and John Reynolds for Jay Hill.

Also in attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, Research Officer.

Your Sub-Committee proceeded to the consideration of the Committee's future business and agreed to make the following recommendations:

1. That the Committee proceed with its review of the Standing Orders and that, the researcher be instructed to prepare a draft set of principles to guide the work of the committee. The draft

- principles to be considered by the Committee at its meeting of Thursday, September 28, 2000.
2. That, in response to a request from the Speaker, the Committee meet with witnesses from the House of Commons on Thursday, September 21, 2000 to consider mechanisms to control the use of representations of Parliament by commercial enterprises. The Committee will also discuss the possibility of developing a copyrighted logo or symbol for the House of Commons similar to that developed by Westminster.
 3. That the Committee make the necessary changes to the membership of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure and the Sub-committee on Private Members' Business at its meeting of Thursday, September 21, 2000.
 4. That the Committee convene a meeting with the Hon. John Fraser, Chair, Mary Ann Griffith, member of the Council, and a representative from Public Works and Government Services Canada on the Parliament Buildings Advisory Council to discuss the status of the current and future renovations to the Parliament Buildings, Centre Block and West Block and the Justice Building for Tuesday, September 26, 2000.
 5. That the Committee consider the draft report of committee memberships at its meeting on Tuesday, September 26, 2000.
 6. That the Committee invite the Speaker of the House of Commons to appear on the Performance Report of the House of Commons at a meeting to be scheduled in November or December of this year.
 7. That the Committee invite Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada to appear on the Performance Report of Elections Canada at a meeting to be scheduled in November or December of this year.

At 1:00 p.m. the meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Derek Lee, M.P.

Chair

And debate thereon.

On motion of Joe Fontana, it was agreed, - That the Fifth Report from the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure be adopted.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That the Committee proceed to consideration of the membership of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure.

On motion of Joe Fontana, it was agreed, - That John Reynolds replace Jay Hill on the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, - That the Committee defer consideration of the membership of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business to the next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee reverted to consideration of mechanisms to control commercial uses of parliamentary symbols and the possible creation of a House of Commons logo, pursuant to Standing Orders 108(3) (a)(i) and (ii).

William Corbett made a statement and, with Rob Walsh, answered questions.

On motion of John Reynolds, it was agreed, - That the Committee send a letter to the Speaker outlining the points raised during today's meeting and attaching a copy of the transcript of today's proceedings.

It was further agreed, - That the letter contain a recommendation to the Speaker to consult with the Board of Internal Economy on the advisability of creating a registered logo for the House of Commons.

At 12:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 51

Tuesday, September 26, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of the status of renovations to the Parliament Buildings

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

G. Cloutier, Sergeant-at-Arms;

Lyette Fortin, Special Advisor to the Sergeant-at-Arms, Long Term Architectural Planning
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Tuesday, September 26, 2000

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Yvon Godin, David Iftody, Joe Jordan, Bob Kilger, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish, Jerry Pickard, John Reynolds and John Richardson.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: MGen. G. Cloutier, Sergeant-at-Arms; Lyette Fortin, Special Advisor to the Sergeant-at-Arms, Long Term Architectural Planning Office; Yves Labrecque, Administrative Projects Officer, Long-Term Architectural Planning Office.

Committee's mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(i) - consideration of the status of renovations to the Parliament Buildings

Major General G. Cloutier introduced the other witnesses.

Lyette Fortin made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:12 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

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Meeting No. 52

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Mandate in relation to the membership of Standing and Standing Joint Committees



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Wednesday, September 27, 2000

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 3:43 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Marlene Catterall, Norman Doyle, Joe Jordan, Bob Kilger, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish, Jerry Pickard, John Reynolds and John Richardson.

Acting Member present: Paul DeVillers for David Iftody.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Committee's mandate pursuant to Standing Order 104(1), in relation to the membership of Standing and Standing Joint Committees

On motion of John Reynolds, it was agreed, - That the draft report be adopted as the Committee's Thirty-Eighth Report to the House and that the Chair present the Report to the House.

On motion of John Richardson, it was agreed, - That Gar Knutson and Eleni Bakopanos replace Larry McCormick and Joe Jordan on the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business and that Gar Knutson be named Chair of the Sub-Committee.

At 3:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

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Meeting No. 53

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Consideration of proposals on changes to the Standing Orders

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Meeting No. 53

Thursday, September 28, 2000

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:14 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Eleni Bakopanos, Stéphane Bergeron, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, David Iftody, Joe Jordan, Bob Kilger, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish, John Reynolds, John Richardson and Chuck Strahl.

Acting Member present: Bill Blaikie for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Committee's mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii) - consideration of proposals on changes to the Standing Orders

The Committee proceeded to a discussion of the possibility of establishing a common theme for the study of proposed changes.

By unanimous consent, the Committee suspended consideration of its Order of the Day to change the membership of the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business.

On motion of John Reynolds, it was agreed, - That Garry Breitzkreuz replace Dave Chatters as member on the Sub-Committee on Private Members' Business.

By unanimous consent, the Committee resumed consideration of its Order of the Day.

At 12:26 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Derek Lee, Lib.

Meeting No. 54

Thursday, October 5, 2000

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the status of renovations to the Parliament Buildings

WITNESSES:

Parliamentary Buildings Advisory Council:

John Fraser, Chair;

Mary Anne Griffith, Member.

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Meeting No. 54

Thursday, October 5, 2000

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:16 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Stéphane Bergeron, Marlene Catterall, Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Joe Jordan, Bob Kilger, Derek Lee, Carolyn Parrish, Jerry Pickard and John Reynolds.

Acting Member present: Bill Blaikie for Yvon Godin.

Other Member present: Joe Fontana

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witnesses: From the Parliament Buildings Advisory Council: The Hon. John Fraser, Chair; Mary Anne Griffith, Member.

Committee's mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(i) - consideration of the status of renovations to the Parliament Buildings

John Fraser made a statement and, with Mary Anne Griffith, answered questions.

At 12:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 55

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ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of proposals on changes to the Standing Orders



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Meeting No. 55

Tuesday, October 17, 2000

The Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs met at 11:17 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Derek Lee, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral, Joe Jordan, Bob Kilger, Derek Lee, John Reynolds and Chuck Strahl.

Acting Member present: Bill Blaikie for Yvon Godin.

In attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Robertson, research officer.

Witnesses: From the House of Commons: William C. Corbett, Clerk and Audrey O'Brien, Deputy Clerk.

Committee's mandate under Standing Order 108(3)(a)(iii) - consideration of proposals on changes to the Standing Orders - Consideration of draft objectives for the study.

The Chair made an opening statement about future business.

At 11:19 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee

